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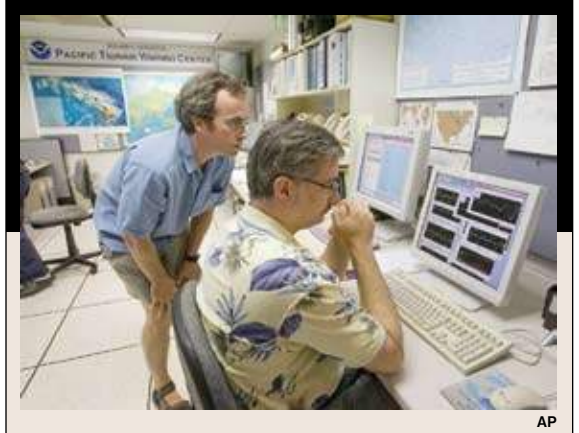

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David Walsh, left, and Stuart Weinstein, center, look over a computer monitor which lets them know the height of a tsunami if it's generated by a earthquake at the Richard H. Hagemeyer Pacific Tsunami Warning Center located in Ewa Beach, Hawaii on the island of Oahu Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009.

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Thousands of panicked South Pacific islanders raced away from the coastline after three strong earthquakes rocked the region and generated a small tsunami Thursday,

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$25M casino on Rota may open early 2010

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Masahiro Watanabe, left, president of Rota Treasure Island Corp., prepares for a presentation of his $25-million casino project while former Gov. Froilan Tenorio, standing, and press secretary Charles Reyes look on in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill yesterday.

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Another group of investors is pumping money into a casino project on Rota but, unlike other entities, the Rota Treasure Island Corp. has already filed an application for a license to operate a casino project worth at least $25 million on the island.

Masahiro Watanabe, president of Rota Treasure Island Corp., yesterday said if the Rota Casino Gaming Commission approves soon the application they filed last week, the company will be able to open the initial 200-machine casino as

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No Senate action on FY2010 budget during Rota session

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The Senate did not act on the House of Representatives' Fiscal Year 2010 budget bill during its session on Rota yesterday.

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the budget bill will be taken up instead in a session on Saipan to be called next week.

The budget bill was not even on the agenda yesterday. Hofschneider said senators have a lot of concerns about the bill, including the lack of austerity measures de-

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DEA: Joyner took over 'ice' distribution network left by convicted 'ice' trafficker

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Jawn Joyner last year took over the distribution network of methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan used by an "ice" trafficker who was arrested in 2008, according to documents filed in federal court.

Drug Enforcement Administration special agent Brian V. Todd stated in his affidavit that during interrogation, the 29-year-old Joyner confessed to DEA that he has 23 "ice" customers.

Todd said 13 of the 23 customers allegedly began buying "ice" from Joyner in March 2008, the same month that "ice" trafficker Vicente Cabrera was sentenced.

The special agent said when Cabrera was arrested in January 2008, Joyner began ordering "ice" from Cabrera's Chinese supplier.

Todd said Joyner then started selling "ice" to Cabrera's customers.

The special agent said Sharee Demapan Diaz was Joyner's retail seller, runner, and intermediary.

Todd said Cabrera participated in the conspiracy to distribute "ice" by providing his cellphone and knowledge of his customers to assist Joyner in setting up his drug trafficking in January 2008.

DEA agents arrested Joyner and Diaz on Wednesday after the U.S. government filed a complaint charging the two and Cabrera with conspiracy to distribute "ice."

The complaint also charged Joyner and Diaz with three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. The two were taken to the U.S. District Court for the NMI for a bail hearing on Wednesday.

In September 2008, the defendants allegedly conspired to sell .34 actual grams of "ice," while .95 actual grams of "ice" were sold in October 2008.

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PSS effects 'conservative measures' sans new budget

Faces $2M shortfall in proposed FY'10 spending plan

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The Public School System is threading a thin line when it comes to operations and delivery of its constitutional mandate after the Legislature once again failed to enact a new budget.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan yesterday told Saipan Tribune that sans a new appropriation for fiscal year 2010, which started Oct. 1, PSS will continue to enforce conservative measures to survive and offer quality services to the islands' students.

"Since there is no new budget passed by the Legislature, PSS will continue to observe conservative measures for operational cost for personnel and all others," she told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Sablan

Under the continuing budget ceiling for FY2010, the commissioner said PSS will allocate $26.6 million for personnel, 2.7 million for all others, and $3 million utilities.

This shows a variance of approximately $2 million less than the actual appropriation in the past fiscal year.

It was in FY2007 when the system started paying for its utilities, an obligation previously shouldered by the administration.

PSS administers 20 public schools, 10 Head Start centers, employs over 1,000 personnel, and has nearly 11,000 kids enrolled in the three islands.

Saipan Tribune learned that the last budget law enacted pegs PSS' spending level at $35 million. If the pending budget bill is enacted, PSS will get an estimated $33 million—the lowest in 20 years.

"The CNMI PSS will need to tighten its spending plans, continue to exercise conservation in utility costs and, will work with the Board of Education and the Legislature to ensure that despite the shortfall in revenue that every classroom will not be shortchanged a highly qualified teacher," Sablan pointed out. "Our children deserve the very best from the CNMI."

PSS originally proposed a $38 million funding for this fiscal year, an amount similar to what the governor recommended under his budget submission.

PSS and BOE earlier described the submission as not excessive and not wasteful for the actual needs of students in the schools.

Sablan, in her message to the PSS' monthly publication released this week, emphasized that even with the uncertain time, student academic achievement is rising while there is a continued decline in spending allocation.

She cited that among her initiatives this school year is energy conservation where school-based projects will be initiated to reduce energy consumption and promote green activities. The schools will also work on expanding alternative energy to include windmill and solar panels at five additional schools including Saipan Southern High School.

PSS stands to receive $33.2 million from the American Reinvestment Recovery Act which it will use in restoring key positions in the schools, expansion of technology and career technology education program, and repair and modernization of school facilities.

This school year, PSS was able to recruit and hire 88 new classroom teachers as a result of federal funding assistance.

Two-hour power outage hits 40 homes in Kagman

Kagman was hit by an unscheduled power interruption yesterday that was caused by the continues rain, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

"About 40 were without power for at least two hours in Kagman because a pole on the primary line caught on fire and had to be replaced," said CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae.

"Usually following a storm an 'incipient fault' or failure rears its ugly head such as a transformer blowing up because of moisture that had entered during the storm," he added.

He said that these kinds of problems can be minimized by improving CUC's maintenance and operation.

CUC has three power plants on Saipan that have a total of 21 diesel engine units. Of these units, only five are nonfunctional and undergoing repairs and major overhaul. Total power available from three power plants is 53.2 megawatts. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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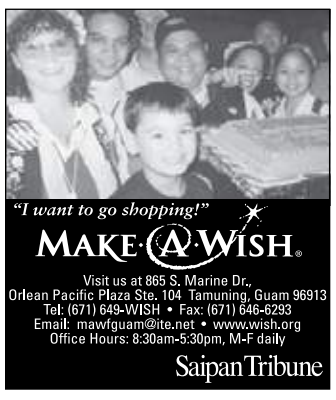
In March 2009, the defendants allegedly conspired to sell .41 actual grams of "ice."

In his affidavit filed in court, Todd said that on Jan. 8, 2008, Cabrera gave his cellular telephone to Joyner containing the contact numbers for customers in Cabrera's "ice" trafficking operation.

Joyner allegedly used his Toyota Tacoma in delivering "ice."

Todd said that on Oct. 8, 2008, DEA detained Joyner and seized from his vehicle .095 grams of "ice." It was Joyner who allegedly informed DEA where he put the "ice" in his truck.

Todd said Joyner confessed that the "ice" source offered to "take care" of Cabrera's family if Joyner agreed to sell "ice" to Cabrera's former customers.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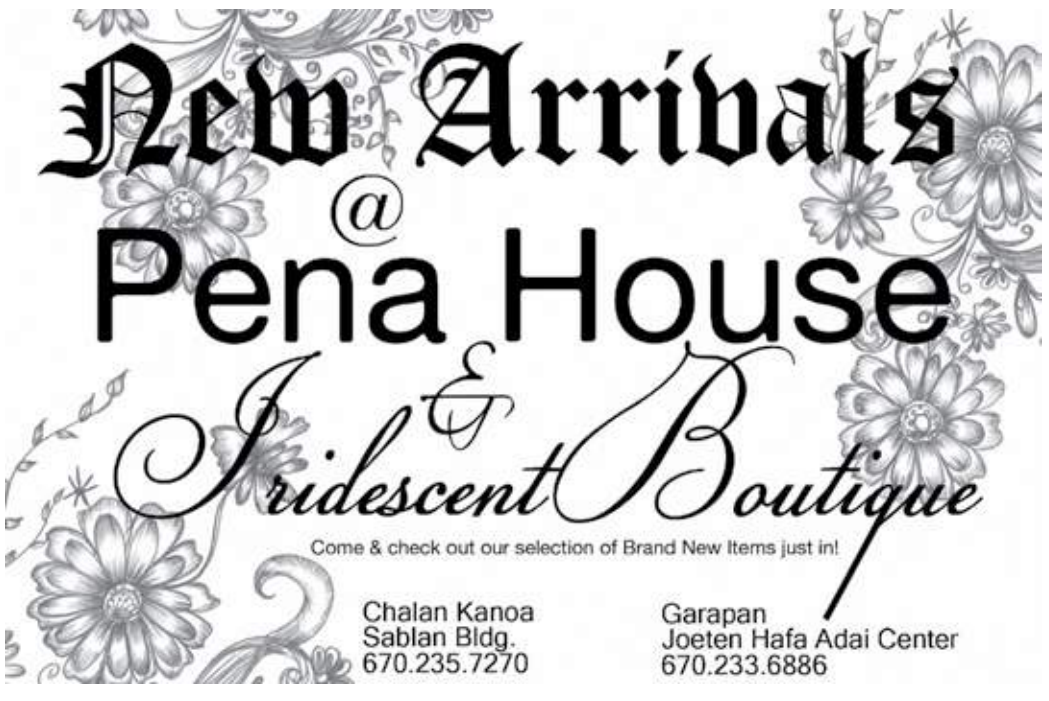

EARTHQUAKES

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just over a week after a massive wave killed 178 people in the Samoas and Tonga.

There were no immediate reports of damage, and all tsunami warnings and watches were soon canceled. But people across the South Pacific took no chances, scrambling up hillsides and maneuvering through traffic-clogged streets to reach higher ground.

"There is panic here, too," Chris McKee, assistant director of the Geophysical Observatory in the Papua New Guinea capital, Port Moresby, told The Associated Press. "Offices have closed. People have rushed out onto the streets and are climbing hills. A lot of places have shut down. ... We tried to put the dampeners on it, but it was already out of hand."

The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued a regional tsunami warning for 11 nations and territories after a quake with a magnitude of 7.8 struck 183 miles (294 kilometers) northwest of the Vanuatu island of Santo at a depth of 21 miles (35 kilometers). Two other quakes of magnitude 7.7 and 7.3 followed in the same area.

The center canceled the tsunami warnings after sea-level readings indicated that the wave generated by the quakes was too small to cause much damage.

There were no immediate reports of injury or damage from officials in Vanuatu, a chain of 83 islands. It lies about 1,400 miles (2,200 kilometers) northeast of Sydney, Australia.

"We felt the quake—it shook the ground, but not very strongly," said a police officer in the town of Luganville on the island of Santo, the Vanuatu island nearest to the quakes' epicenter. The officer declined to give his name as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Thursday's small tsunami came just over a week after a magnitude 8.3 quake sparked a large wave in the South Pacific that devastated coastal villages in Samoa, American Samoa and northern Tonga. The death toll from the Sept. 29 tsunami rose by five Thursday to 183, after searchers in Samoa found more bodies, said Vaosa Epa, chief executive in the office of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Another 32 people were killed in American Samoa and nine in Tonga.

That tragedy was fresh in the minds of residents of Tuvalu, a low-lying nation of eight coral atolls with about 10,000 people. Thousands fled inland after Thursday's alerts, some clustering around the government building in the capital, Funafuti — the only multistory building in the country.

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spite the dwindling resources.

"The austerity measures are a sensitive issue and the members want to look into them further. The budget bill passed by the House is significantly different from what the Senate thought it would be like," Hofschneider added.

FY2010 began on Oct. 1 without a new budget law.

On Sept. 22, the House passed Ways and Means Committee chair Ray N. Yumul's budget bill on a 12-4 vote.

The budget bill reflects $162.82 million in projected budgetary resources. Of this amount, $150.5 million is available for appropriation.There are no salary cuts but total non-personnel costs are reduced by $9.7 million.

Among other things, the bill creates a $3.51 million separate supplemental Retirement Fund account to pay for the difference between the retirement contribution rate of 16 percent and 11 percent for all government employees funded by the general fund.

It lifts the suspension of the remittance to the Fund of the 30 percent hotel occupancy tax and 20 percent alcoholic beverage container tax, and the remittance to the Marianas Visitors Authority of 25 percent of the alcoholic beverage container tax and 70 percent of the hotel occupancy tax.

But the Senate did not have a session to take up the bill before the start of the fiscal year.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that with the absence of a timely passed budget, the government will have to operate under continuing resolution again.

HOUSE

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billing and collections, hiring of doctors, customer service, and handling of a bloated hemodialysis project, among other things.

Committee chair Rep. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) subpoenaed acting Health Secretary Pete T. Untalan and at least five other officials to appear and testify before the panel on Oct. 14, 15, and 16.

"Your failure to appear before the committee and provide the documents requested will subject you to punishment for contempt pursuant to 1 CMC 1306," Torres told Untalan in an Oct. 2 letter.

Torres's committee gave DPH up to today to deliver the documents requested and the responses to the written questions posed.

As of last night, DPH has yet to submit responses or turn in requested documents.

When asked for comment yesterday, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's press secretary, Charles Reyes, said the governor urges DPH's full compliance with a lawful legislative subpoena.

DPH is now working to comply with the legislative subpoena, Reyes said.

"We hope to fully satisfy all of their public health concerns and look forward to working closely and collaboratively with the Legislature to improve the state of healthcare for all CNMI residents," he added.

Reyes also said that Joseph Kevin Villagomez remains as secretary of DPH but is still on leave. Untalan has been serving in an acting capacity as health secretary for months now. Untalan is the deputy secretary for hospital administration.

The House committee will hold an oversight hearing on DPH on Oct. 14 at 2pm and on Oct. 15 and 16 at 9am.

Untalan is also required to appear at the hearing with at least five other DPH officials, including the hospital medical director, the nursing director, the financial officer, the human resources director, and the medical referral officer. The acting health secretary may also be accompanied by a counsel at the hearing.

DPH has components that include the Commonwealth Health Center, the Division of Public Health, and the Community Guidance Center.

15 areas of concern

The 232 questions pertain to the House committee's investigation into 15 areas of concern.

These include CHC management, medical supplies and equipment, hospital billing and collections, human resources/recruitment, medical records, customer service, medical referral, Emergency Room Department, Surgery Department, Hemodialysis Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Radiology/Laboratory Department, Nursing Department, Psychiatric Unit/Psychiatrist, and the Tinian and Rota Health Centers.

In the area of CHC management, for example, the committee asked 16 questions, including whether there's political interference with the management of DPH. It also pointed to allegations of frequent absences of top hospital management officials.

"Is this true? Explain," the committee asked.

It also asked for the amount paid by DPH to a U.S.-based headhunter, and for other recruitments.

One of the questions pertaining to recruitment asked DPH for a list of all employees that have left their job at CHC either voluntarily or involuntarily, including doctors and nurses whose contracts were not renewed since January 2006 to present. "Please indicate the date of hire, date of separation and the reason for separation," the committee said.

Among the medical supplies and equipment questions was, "Are there ample medical supplies and equipment that are readily available when needed?"

"How much is currently uncollected by the hospital for services rendered? How is the hospital handling this?" the committee asked.

In another set of inquiry, the panel said: "Numerous complaints have been made about staff being non-responsive or extremely slow in retrieving charts and forwarding them to the appropriate ward. Please explain."

"The new hemodialysis unit is not open. Why is this so?" DPH also asked.

Among the documents that the House committee subpoenaed are copies of letters of doctors and nurses' resignation; copies of all contracts pertaining to medical referral, including Kaiser Permanente, which is a consultant in the Philippines, headhunters, travel agencies and physician fees outside CHC, and "copies of all original billing and negotiated billing from Kaiser Permanente;" copies of correspondences between the headhunter and CHC on the hiring of doctors; and copies of all contracts involving the hemodialysis unit.

CASINO

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early as January 2010.

In a news briefing yesterday in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill, Watanabe said he also plans to either buy their own aircraft to transport casino customers to and from Rota and Guam or Saipan, as well as operate charter flights from Japan which will be their main market and other destinations.

Watanabe, through a translator, said the current roundtrip air fare of $229 between Saipan and Rota and Rota and Guam will be lowered to only about $100 once Rota Treasure Island Corp. begins transportation services.

The initial investment in the casino project is $5 million.

Two Rota investors

Today, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is set to meet with members of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission to talk about ways to help investors realize their plans on Rota.

Rota Treasure Island Corp.'s announcement yesterday of its $25-million casino project and pending application came exactly a week after another investor—the new owner of Rota Resort & Country Club—said it will be building a $10-million casino and a $1-million water bottling facility.

On Thursday last week, Hee Kyun Cho, owner of Rota Resort & Country Club, said he has invested close to $10 million to take over ownership of the biggest hotel on Rota. He also said the bottling water facility may open as early as February or March 2010, employing 10 new individuals on Rota and will also export bottled water to Japan, Korea, and other destinations.

Cho said they will start with a boutique casino style and expand it at a later time. The company, however, has yet to file an application with the Rota Casino and Gaming Commission for a casino license.

Watanabe, for his part, said they will be renovating and expanding the Rota Hotel in Sunton to turn it into a world-class casino that will also feature a theme park, shopping, entertainment, and dining establishments.

But Rota Hotel is still negotiating with Rota Treasure Island Corp. on whether to sell the hotel or enter into a shared ownership deal.

Rota Treasure Island Corp. is not only the first on Rota to apply for a casino license, but is also the first group of Japanese investors to go into the casino industry on Rota and Tinian.

Other major casino investors planning to operate on Rota and Tinian are either Chinese or Koreans. The CNMI's only operating casino—Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino—is a Chinese investment.

Upbeat

Fitial, in a statement yesterday, welcomed the entry of Rota Treasure Island Corp. which will also establish transportation services to bring visitors to Rota by plane and jet-hydrofoil.

He said the new gaming resort project reportedly has the support of the Rota municipal government and the Rota legislative delegation.

"I am upbeat about the economic possibilities on Rota. Rota's attractive natural environment, local culture, and close proximity to U.S. military bases in Guam may maximize Rota's gaming industry opportunities, but we need to make sure we do it right with the full support of the people of Rota," Fitial said.

Watanabe said he and two other Japanese investors, whom he declined to name at this time, are pumping money into the casino project.

Watanabe has 12 years experience in casino junket in which he transports groups of high-stake casino gamblers from Japan to Las Vegas, Nevada, Bahamas, Philippines, Korea, and other casino destinations. He said for years, he has also been bringing casino customers to Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

"I am confident that I will be able to bring customers to my own casino because I have my own customers from Japan," he said through a translator. He said he will also be bringing in tourists from Korea and Guam to Rota.

The company plans to hire some 70 employees, with some 80 percent of them local residents.

Watanabe, who is based in Tokyo and who has offices in Sendai and Osaka, has been in the insurance and information technology business for 20 years, while his investor-partners are also into credit and financial security industry.

Casino initiative

Former Gov. Froilan Tenorio, who is a proponent of casino operation on Saipan, yesterday said investors like Rota Treasure Island Corp. "are exactly what we need not only on Rota but also on Saipan and Tinian."

"This is a great step toward economic recovery not only of Rota but the whole of the CNMI," said Tenorio, who is running for a House seat in the Nov. 7 elections.

Casino operation is not allowed on Saipan; only on Rota and Tinian.

From 1991 to 2003, Rota tried four times to allow casino operation without success through public initiative.

However, in November 2007, Rota voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of the public initiative to allow casino gaming. 85 percent of the votes cast voted in favor of the initiative, now known as the Rota Casino Act of 2007.

The act provides for the establishment of a Rota Casino Gaming Commission which has five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Rota Municipal Council.

Tenorio also said that the multi-billion-dollar military buildup on Guam will boost the CNMI's casino and tourism industry.

Only one operating casino

Despite pronouncements of casino plans in the CNMI for years, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino has so far opened since 10 years ago.

Other investors on Tinian have either broke ground or still applying for permits and licenses.

In July, for example, Neo Gold Wings Paradise held a groundbreaking for its estimated $1-billion casino hotel and resort project on Tinian. Among the reported investment partners is billionaire Stanley Ho, who controls over a dozen casinos in Macau.

Bridge Investment Group, meanwhile, halted construction at its Tinian site because of uncertainties involving the federalization of CNMI immigration and the exclusion of its main target market—Chinese, along with Russian tourists—from the joint visa waiver program.

Another investor, Marianas Resort Development Corp., plans to build the $300-million Matua Bay Resort on Tinian.

RNC assures local GOP of assistance

A visiting official from the Republican National Committee assured candidates and supporters of the local party that its headquarters in Washington, D.C. will provide assistance that will ensure victory for the GOP in the upcoming elections.

Reeves

RNC state and local development director Shannon Frank Reeves is on island for a two-day visit and met with the party's 22 candidates yesterday at the party's headquarters in As Lito.

"We at Washington, D.C. are totally behind our GOP candidates on Saipan and all throughout the CNMI," said Reeves. "I believe we have a great opportunity to win this election from the governor all the way down… and I am excited about it."

Among the candidates present in yesterday's presentation were lieutenant governor candidate Arnold I. Palacios and Reps. Ralph Torres, Ray N. Yumul, Rosemond Santos, and Diego Benavente.

The local GOP's standard bearer, Heinz Hofschneider, was not able to attend the presentation as he was in an important meeting.

During the presentation, Reeves assured local GOP members of assistance and promised candidates access to training and new technology.

Reeves also said that a proposal to extend funding assistance to the local GOP is being studied at the nation's capital.

"A request has been made and so we're going to work on it and make sure that we get all the resources we can before the election," he added.

In his presentation, Reeves also discussed with members how they can grow and strengthen the party and provided pointers on how a candidate can successfully get the people's support.

He emphasized that "direct voter contact" as the most effective and efficient approach in campaigns.

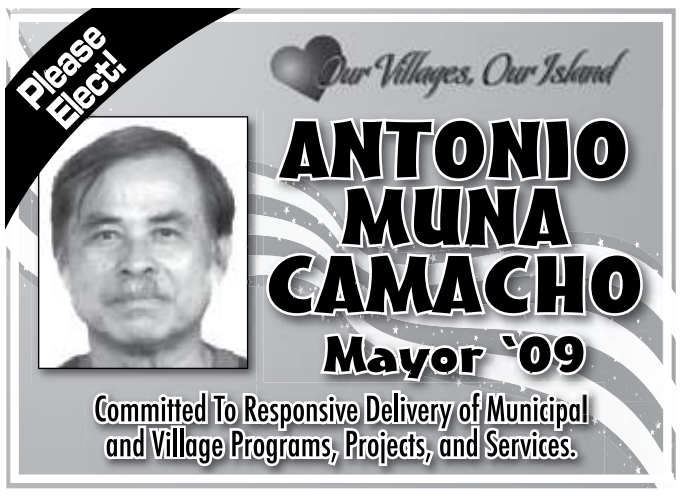
Modern technology, he said, allows candidates to identify where the votes are but still candidates have to knock on their doors and talk to the people and ask for their votes.

"We're going to focus on training for elected officials and candidates on how to communicate with voters, and really how to work with the people to solve community problems…because at the end of the day it's not just about running for office but about solving problems and being successful," he explained.

According to GOP acting president Dave Attao, Reeves' visit has a significant impact to the candidates and the party's campaign.

"Today is a historical visit. [We] received assurance that they will help and deliver our plans," he said.

The local GOP has scheduled a fundraiser on Oct. 16 at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan. It will serve as a prelude for the party's kickoff rally slated for Oct. 30. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***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Inos rules on jury trial issue in bribery cases

Some defendants facing bribery charges will be entitled to a jury trial and some will not, according to Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos.

Inos said this is so because the fine for bribery is three times the value of the payment received.

Inos discussed the issue as to who is entitled to a jury trial in his written decision that denied defendant Hai Sen Li's demand for a jury trial.

The judge ruled that Li is not entitled to a jury trial because he is not accused by information of making bribes punishable by more than five years imprisonment or by more than a $2,000 fine.

Inos said pursuant to the Commonwealth Code, only a defendant facing more than five years imprisonment and or a fine of more than $2,000 is entitled to a jury trial.

Inos

Citing another provision in the Commonwealth Code, the judge said a person convicted of bribery "may be imprisoned for a period of not more than five years, and shall be fined three times the value of the payment received; or, if the value of the payment cannot be determined in dollars, shall be imprisoned for a period of not more than five years, and fined not more than $1,000."

Li is charged with conspiracy to commit bribery, bribery. The bribes in question consisted of at least one and as many as five payments. The amount of each payment was between $40 and $60.

Li, through counsel assistant public defender Richard Miller, moved to grant him a jury trial. Assistant Attorney General William Downer argued for the government.

Miller argued that the language of the Commonwealth Code regarding jury trial is plain and unambiguous in conferring a jury trial right on all defendants facing bribery charges.

Downer on the other hand, argued that the phrase "accused by information" directs that it is the charge, as alleged in the information, that determines whether a particular defendant is entitled to a jury trial.

In his decision, Inos said the defendant is accused of making bribes of, at most, $300.

If convicted on these charges, the judge said, Li would face a $900 fine and up to five years imprisonment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Tropical disturbance spotted near Marianas

A developing tropical disturbance was spotted near the Marianas yesterday and is expected to turn into a tropical depression by today.

Rainbands associated with the tropical disturbance caused rain showers the whole day on Saipan yesterday. As much as two inches of rainfall were also dropped on parts of Guam yesterday morning, according to the National Weather Service in Guam.

Yesterday at 8:30am, the Emergency Management Office also announced a tsunami watch for Mariana Islands following an 8-magnitude earthquake that rocked the South Pacific near the Vanuatu archipelago at 8:05am.

Classes at both public and private schools were not suspended and at 10:30am, EMO announced that the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center already cancelled the tsunami watch.

As of 1:22pm, the tropical depression was located 150 miles west of Saipan and northwest of Guam.

"This intensifying system is currently the subject of a tropical cyclone formation alert and could become a tropical depression during the next 12 to 24 hours," NWS said.

NWS said the tropical disturbance has been moving north-northwestward around 15 miles per hour during the past day or so.

NWS said several more inches of rainfall could occur before the tropical disturbance moves far enough away to allow the rains to abate.

South winds gusting to between 20 and 30mph accompanied the heavier showers, NWS said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial advised the public, including those remaining four residents of Agrihan, to closely follow the progress of this disturbance during the next couple of days through the Emergency Management Office or the local media.

On the tsunami watch, Public School System commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said they have an emergency operation and evacuation plans for emergencies such as typhoons, tsunamis, and other crisis.

Sablan said they work with the Parents Teachers Association officers and school principals to inform parents on what steps must be taken when emergencies arise.

"For purpose of clarification, when the CNMI is declared under Condition II for typhoons or tropical storms—all schools are closed. For tsunami watch—all schools remain open, and are closed when there is a tsunami warning," she said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Kon respetu para todos manginifliemami na residentten Saipan, man atungo yan familia. Hami ni famaguon I defunto yan defunta as Juan Aguon Sanchez (masmatungo-na kumo as Juan Catalino) yan Concepcion Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero (mas matungo-na kumo as Chong Apa), en yayama i attension miyo ya' enfafaisen hamyo ni botu konfiansa para I chelun-mami as JOE DELEON GUERRERO SANCHEZ, mas matungo'na as JOE-BERNIE, asaguan Bernie Pangelinan Pinaula (familian Agaga yan Apu), ni malaagu para I puesto Atkatde, Munisipalidat Saipan, guine gi mamaila na eleksion, Nobrenbre 7, 2009.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

OCT. 9, 2000

On WASC accreditation NMC urged to implement changes

The Northern Marianas College has been advised to integrate its strategic planning and implementation processes with its resource allocation and distribution to improve its institutional records and establish transparency that will allow open-communication with the whole college community. This was the primary recommendation offered by the seven-member team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, who recently concluded a four-day accreditation of CNMI's lone postsecondary institution. After a thorough review of NMC's wide course offerings, the WASC delegation also proposed that the college institutionalize a systemic process for evaluating program effectiveness.

CPA tackles Navy's seaport concerns

Citing its significant contributions to the revival of the CNMI's economy, the Commonwealth Ports Authority is intensifying efforts to improve facilities and services provided to visiting vessels by the United States Navy at the Saipan International Harbor. Board Chair Roman S. Palacios disclosed a delegation of CPA officials recently met with U.S. Navy officials in Guam where issues surrounding the vessels' needs and problems upon docking at the Saipan seaport were discussed. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, Saipan seaport manager Tony B. Cabrera and CPA Board Member Frank Guerrero met with COMNAV Marianas Commander Mike Dodge, Lt. Aaron Gates, Water Front operations manager for Raytheon Guam Jerry Hammond and marine transportation officer Dick Riddle.

Oct. 9, 2001

CNMI placed on highest alert

The CNMI was placed on the highest level of alert as the United States and its allies yesterday attacked Afghanistan's Taliban, which reportedly coddles terrorist leader Osama bin Laden. Department of Public Safety Commissioner Charles Ingram Jr. said that his command will implement the unofficial recommendation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be at top-level alert, although he said that police operations will be modified. "We'll not put everything in operation," Ingram said, but he refused to divulge what aspect of the operations will not be utilized by the DPS.
Ingram said he met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and some officials, including Emergency Management Office Director Gregorio Deleon Guerrero and Labor Secretary Mark Zachares. "We discussed the situation here."

US-Vietnam trade pact may impair NMI's competitiveness

Even as the demand for Saipan-made garments continue to fall due to a slowdown in the US economy, another shadow looms in the horizon-the expected resurgence of Vietnam as a major supplier of US retailers. Vietnam is predicted to emerge as a major new supplier of goods, including garments, after the US Senate voted to normalize trade relations with Hanoi, a precondition for applying the bilateral trade agreement concluded in July 2000 by the US and Vietnam. Eighty-eight US senators voted in favor of the bill while 12 others opposed it. In September, the US House of Representatives endorsed the trade normalization with Vietnam and President George W. Bush has been quoted as saying that he will immediately sign the measure into law.

Oct. 9, 2002

Debts strangle referral program

Members of the Group Health and Life Insurance Program are at risk of being turned away from on- and off-island medical providers because of unpaid medical referral claims amounting to approximately $1.4 million. With about $600,000 in claims that are already 90 days overdue, Group Health's third-party administrator, Hawaii Pacific Medical Referral, has warned it would suspend its contract with the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund by October 15 unless Group Health coughs up $600,000 just so it could keep the doors of medical providers open for CNMI patients. And unless the Fund can find the money to pay the remaining $800,000 by November 15, HPMR will be forced to terminate its contract with the Fund.

CDA inks agreement with CUC

The Commonwealth Development Authority has signed a Memorandum of Agreement that aims to settle the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's $104 million accumulated debt with the government's lending arm. "The CDA has signed it. It [agreement] was forwarded to the CUC. We're waiting now for them to sanction the MOA," CDA Executive Director MaryLou Ada said in an interview yesterday. Ada said both agencies were involved in the drafting of the MOA. "It's not one-sided. Both worked on it." She said settlement negotiations between the two parties are moving forward.

Kilili co-sponsors bill to protect older workers against discrimination

U.S. Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan has signed on as an original co-sponsor of a bill restoring Civil Rights Act protections to older American workers. The Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act was introduced the other day in Washington by Chairmen Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) in the Senate and by Chairman George Miller (D-CA) in the House.

Sablan

The bill overturns a decision by the United States Supreme Court issued two months ago that severely weakens age discrimination protections in the Civil Rights Act for workers over 54 years of age.

"People in these peak years are invaluable members of our community. They take care of their children and grandchildren, as well as their own parents," said Sablan. "And in these tough economic times, we want to ensure that they can work as long as they want to and not be terminated because employers think they are too old to be productive."

In *Gross v. FBL Financial* the Supreme Court ruled that older employees face a higher standard for proving they were discriminated against than victims of workplace bias who file claims based on race, religion, sex or national origin. Older employees must prove not only that their age was a factor in their termination, but that age was the decisive factor.

At a press conference in Washington the other day, Chairman Miller declared that "workplace discrimination based on age is just as wrong as discrimination based on any other irrelevant factor—and it should be treated as such in the court of law. The Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act will ensure that all workers are treated fairly and not subject to decisions based on an employer's prejudice, especially in this difficult economy."

Miller compared the *Gross* decision to the case of Lilly Ledbetter, who for some 20 years was paid less than her male counterparts by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The Supreme Court ruled last year that Ledbetter would have had to bring her case within 180 days of the discriminatory payments beginning, though there was little way Ledbetter could have known of the discrepancy.

Congress overturned the Supreme Court's *Ledbetter* ruling with the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, signed by President Obama on Jan. 29 this year.

"The same conservative Supreme Court justices responsible for the backward ruling against Lilly Ledbetter have now thrown another legal barrier in front of hard-working older Americans," said Miller.

Also supporting the bill is the American Association of Retired Persons. "This legislation will protect older workers from being relegated to second class status," said AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond.

"For more than 50 years, AARP has been fighting against age discrimination and working to promote the value and experience older workers bring to the job. AARP is proud to endorse this legislation, and we urge Congress to quickly approve this bill as a critical first step to restore protections under our age discrimination laws."

The bill will now be referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, of which Sablan is a member. ***(PR)***

UPCOMING KAGMAN EVENTS

Kagman Flea Market tomorrow

Kagman's Saturday Flea Market will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Kagman Community Center's parking lot. It is held every government payday Saturday. You may only sell your used items. Tents and tables will be provided. Interested sellers can call Jesse Torres at 256-7678 for more info. ***(PR)***

Puengin Inetnon today

Puengin Inetnon will again be held today, Oct. 9, at the Kagman Community Center's parking lot. Canton Restaurant, Lynn's BBQ, Fong's Bakery, Champ's Shave Ice, and Bali Fashion will be selling food, drinks, snacks, clothing, and crafts. The Joeten Kiyu Library's Bookmobile will also be available for the public to check out books. Puengin Inetnon is Kagman's Friday Night Market that takes place every government payday. It begins at 4:30pm and ends at 10pm. Puengin Inetnon is a family oriented event. Alcohol is prohibited from the event. All are welcome. Come attend Puengin Inetnon for some family fun in Kagman. Interested vendors can call Jesse Torres at 256-7678 for applications. ***(PR)***

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Trusting the blogosphere

The Federal Trade Commission has updated its guidelines for advertisers, making clear that the 95-year-old federal law against deceptive and unfair practices also applies to the brave new world of blogs and social networks. The commission would be right to treat the Internet the same as any other communications medium—there should be no safe harbor for false claims about weight-loss products or multilevel marketing schemes. But in its zeal to distinguish honest voices from paid shills, it appears to have set a tougher standard for blogs than for traditional media.

The new guidelines focus on endorsements and testimonials by celebrities and consumers. The changes, which take effect Dec. 1, include a welcome effort to close a loophole that allowed grossly misleading claims as long as they were accompanied by the fine-print disclaimer, "Results not typical." That's an easy target for regulators to hit, though. The commission's aim wasn't as good when it addressed marketing techniques that blur the line between advertising and unsolicited opinions.

The Web and social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter have elevated individuals' influence and transformed word-of-mouth into a global force. Recognizing the shift, some marketers have tried to insinuate their pitches into the grass-roots commentary, often by rewarding the people who sing their products' praises. Under the new guidelines, wherever an advertiser sponsors a message, its involvement has to be disclosed. But the commission's examples of what constitutes sponsorship set an unreasonably low threshold for blog posts to be treated as ads, potentially turning ethical lapses into violations of federal law. Merely receiving review copies of games, gadgets or discs for free—as critics in traditional media routinely do—could bring bloggers under the FTC's purview. The commission argues that the guidelines probably wouldn't apply to professional journalists, and that amateur bloggers would just have to disclose the freebies. Yet the risk of $11,000 penalties could easily discourage some would-be reviewers and harm sites that rely on amateurs to rate products and services.

There's also a practical problem. E-commerce sites and social networks are generating an overwhelming amount of information about products and services, only some of which is genuine. Yet the best thing about the Internet is that the masses do a remarkable job of calling out fakery and unethical behavior. Many Web sites help in this process by giving users effective tools for rating a reviewer's credibility. The result is a wealth of feedback that provides great insights for consumers. As it tries to crack down on deceptive practices online, the FTC should take care not to cut off that flow of information.

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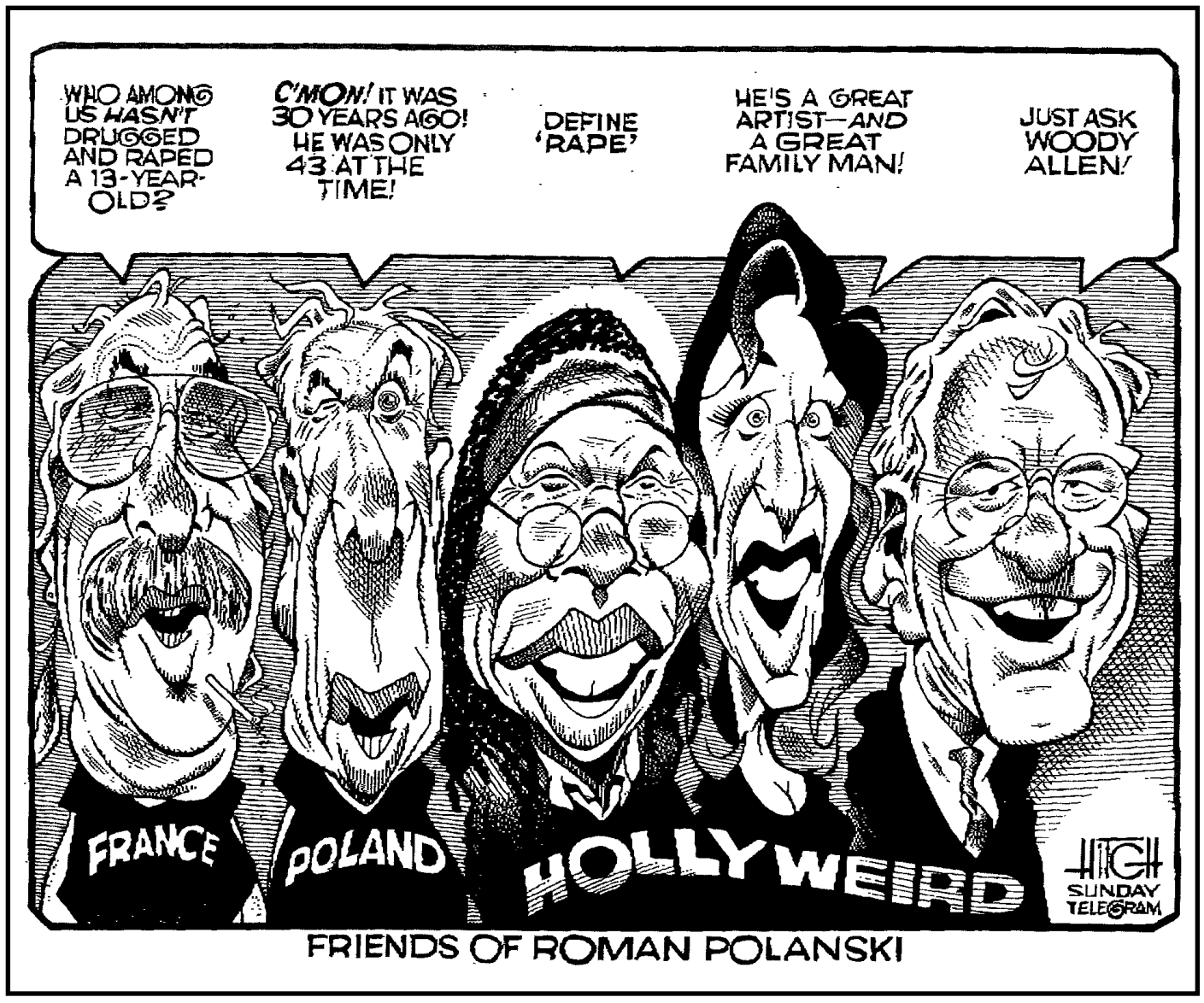
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Old dogs, new tricks

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Whenever high unemployment rates capture public attention, on Saipan or anywhere else, the specter of retraining the workforce becomes a popular topic. I was reading a piece on this topic (in a U.S. publication, not a CNMI publication) and it parroted the old bromide that older workers are harder to retrain than younger ones.

Oh yeah? Says who?

If anyone has ever proven that seasoned folks are harder to train than young ones are, I sure never got the memo. And if I got it, I wouldn't believe it, since it totally contradicts my experience.

I've known quite a few silver-haired folks who were extremely fast learners. If you've earned a few wrinkles in your life, and are contemplating learning something new, then consider the following:

Back when life was simple, I enjoyed whiling away my days as an airplane flight instructor. I had my share of students who were beyond retirement age. Most of them had life-long dreams of learning to fly, but didn't see a way to pull it off until they were retired, at which point I figure they had the money and the time.

I still remember the first retiree student I had. He was in his mid-60s, and walked into the lobby of our school in San Diego, which was at a little airport where little airplanes fly. I was ensconced on the couch (as usual), drinking coffee and swapping flying stories with the airport bums. An airport bum is a pilot, student pilot, airplane mechanic, or some such other person who would rather starve at the airport than feast in an office. Flying isn't just a job, it's a cult.

> *I'm not saying that everyone who is a seasoned citizen can learn anything they want to learn.*

Anyway, as I told the retired guy about our school, he quipped "I'm afraid I'm too old to learn to fly."

I asked him how long he had been wanting to learn. He said ever since he was a little kid.

"Well," said I, "in that case, I can prove to you right now that you can learn how to fly."

"How so?" he asked.

"I'll take you flying" I said.

So without further ado, I sat the guy in a two-seat Piper Cherokee 140, and we blasted off. San Diego, over the coast line, from a few thousand feet high, isn't as pretty as Saipan, but is mighty impressive nonetheless.

The retired guy sat in the pilot's seat. I rode copilot's position, as all instructors do. I had him take the controls and walked him through a few simple maneuvers. See? Piece-of-cake, Mister. Stick with me, and soon you'll be Ace of the Base.

I didn't charge the guy for the quick little introductory lesson, I'd rather think long term than go nickel-and-dime on someone. Anyway, the guy enrolled as a student, proved to be a very quick study, and, before too long was an airport bum like the rest of us. After getting his license, he'd rent a plane from us twice a week. He and his wife would bring folding lawn chairs and a picnic basket, and fly to remote, obscure little airports for lunch.

I don't know if word of mouth spread from him or not, but I wound up with a number of retired students. From what I saw, the older students were often times better students. I've always emphasized book work, safety, and a very methodical approach to things, and they seemed receptive to this. I always liked flying with them.

I'm not saying that everyone who is a seasoned citizen can learn anything they want to learn.

And I'm not even saying that wisdom always comes with age: Young fools usually grow into old fools, and are burdened with an ever-growing inventory of delusions as the years go by.

But if retirees can learn to fly, and I know they can, then it seems off-base to me to suggest in wholesale fashion that anyone with gray hair can't be taught to perform more prosaic tasks in the work-a-day world. And in that world, I know plenty of people in their 70s and 80s who are adept at computer use. I had dinner last month with a guy, in his 80s, who programs in C+. How many kids do you know who can do that professionally? Not many, I venture to guess.

Says me: Age ain't the issue. Never was.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Double Ten Day (*Shuang Shí Jié*) or Ten Ten (Oct. 10) is the national day of the Republic of China, to commemorate the Wuchang Uprising in 1911 that allowed Sun Yatsen to lead a fledgling Chinese Republic, following the abdication of the Qing (Manchu) dynasty from the Imperial throne.

Unable to solidify a strong central government to discipline the feudal warlords, the yin-yang of Chinese politics between the aristocratic elites and the progressive republicans would lead to the creation of the Kuomintang (nationalist) party. Not that internal weakness was the only handicap that afflicted the newly birthed nation. Foreign legions added to the chaos by carving out their own domain beginning with the period of the collapsing Imperial rule, and followed by the soft centers of power that characterized the political collapse of this very ancient civilization of the Qins and the Hans.

Later, a teacher/librarian named Mao Zedong would join an urban intellectual, Zhou Enlai in forming a Chinese branch of the ComIntern, propelling non-imperial China into civil war, joining the rest of the modern world in radical and massive readjustments. It is to Sun Yatsen's credit that he is both revered by both governments of Beijing and Taipei.

The Japanese invasion of China, the creation of Manchukuo and the subsequent rape of China's capital at Nanjing, would momentarily keep the warring Chinese forces on the same side, only to resume hostilities again after Japan's surrender to the allied command at the end of WWII.

In 1949, Mao Zedong's forces would humble the nationalist followers of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who retreated across the Formosa Strait to establish a new seat for the Republic of China in the former Japanese colony, later to be better known in the 70s and thereafter as Taiwan.

It is, of course, part of our arrogance as guardians of the American Empire and denizens of a special sense of cultural exceptionalism (and manifest destiny) when the question was asked during the Truman-Dewey presidential contest: "Who lost China?" as if the country was ever ours, to keep and/or lose!

Chairman Mao and Premier Zhou established the People's Republic of China on Oct. 1, 1949 and this date has since been celebrated as the PRC's national day. This year marked the 60th year of that auspicious beginning, which was celebrated with Olympic-size fanfare along Changan Ave. fronting Tiananmen Square a week ago. Photos of that whole day celebration can be accessed at http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/10/china_celebrates_60_years.html.

The *Zhong Qiujie* (Mid-Autumn) and the *Yubing* (mooncake) festivals of the full moon signifying peace and prosperity also fell on the 3rd of October. These festivals, which promote filial piety and occasion further kinship bonding and family ties, normally celebrated by both mainland China and Taiwan, will be muted in Taiwan this year.

Taiwan has recently been battered by typhoons, and its local government is still reeling from the appearance of ill-preparedness to deal with the emergency and the catastrophe that visited the island. Thus, the ROC's decision to cancel the festivities normally associated with Ten Ten.

Oct. 10 as National Celebration Day for Taiwan will reach its centennial in 2011, so there is more to the looking forward towards that event this year as it is a regretting for missing this year's annual festivities.

It is also true that as the old guards of the Kuomintang Party fade away, considerable sentiment for a Taiwan Independence Day away from China is adding strain to already stressed Taipei-Beijing relations. Though both Taipei and Beijing adhere to the globally accepted official policy of only one China, Beijing has yet to find its comfort zone whenever popular Taiwan sentiments cough up its periodic acts of rebellion.

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This is not unusual. The ROC began its rule in Formosa only in 1945. The Hans from Fukien and Guangdong provinces constitute an ethnic minority that has imposed its political will on the island since the Kuomintang determined that only a single party government would prevail. There is thus, an seething undercurrent of resentment by the native Taiwanese over their "overbearing" cousins across the Straits.

The CNMI has been spared the diplomatic wrangling that has occurred in other nations in the former Trust Territories and Pacific Islands between the ROC and the PRC. It is not unusual for a Pacific Island nation to welcome or show the door to one or the other of the Chinese parties, depending on who can offer the better aid package to the local economy.

The business concerns in Saipan initially based out of Hong Kong and Taiwan existed with the overwhelming presence of garment factory workers from around the Yangtze River basin and *Dong Bei* (northeast) in mainland China. In fact, undesirable practices originating from Fukien Province where most of the Kuomintang forces who moved to Taiwan and the Philippines after the Communist takeover prompted the CNMI government to curtail further entrance of Fukien-originating nationals into the Commonwealth.

We also have the phenomenon of Taiwan and HK investors, with accumulated capital from overseas Chinese particularly out of the N.A. west coast from Vancouver to Los Angeles, pouring it into Deng Xiaopeng's opening of the country's doors through numerous economic free trade zones. Prominent of those are Shenzhen in Guandong Province, and Pudong in the Municipality of Shanghai. Many of the stalls in the Malls at the Oriental Plaza in fashionable downtown Beijing's Wangfujing St. are publicly identified to be owned by Taiwanese investment houses.

The CNMI is currently in conversation with Federal Homeland Security officers on how we deal with our heretofore welcomed Chinese (and Russian) tourists. Alfred Yue's Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino after all bridges a span that extends from Taipei to Guangzhou (Canton to oldtimers). Were we to really take seriously our neighbor to the West, we might begin by recognizing that already, in our midst are Hakkas and Sichuanese, Manchus and Mongols, and though the Hans are the predominant ethnic group, the whole of China is populated by more than five times our finger count in diversity.

China is a people that has come through great challenges in the modern world, with seeming insurmountable pains and innumerable joys, and as we sip our tea this 10th day of October, as global economics and politics readjust itself to a formidable presence in the global East, those of us in the Commonwealth of non-Caucasian descent might discover that the memes from the west of us might actually and recognizably be our very own.

Letters to the Editor

Dump Article 12

My great grandfather, Geronimo Atalig, arrived on Rota back in 1847. However, I do not know from which country he came from.

The descendants of my grandfather is all over the place, you name it, Rota, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and in the U.S. perhaps even in Australia. Now many of us as a family who as a result of migration feel and think that no other nationality not even those coming from the U.S. should be the only owner of this land (CNMI) that originally was not even ours.

Come on man! First many of us should first ask ourselves these questions. Who are you? Where did you came from or where did your ancestors came from? Why should we not allow our neighbors to own our land when they allow us openly to own theirs? Why are we so afraid of outsiders when we came from the outside in the first place?

Simply look at yourself first before you look at others and stop the "This is mine, mine, mine, all mine.

Remember, we have a shared humanity with any human being entering the CNMI. Dump Article 12 as we are all visitors here one way or the other. Teach your children to live harmoniously with different nationalities and with different race.

Teach them love and understanding. When you look at others, first look at yourself because you will always find something in that other person that is common. That is, the shared humanity. On another note, there are millions of properties that we are welcome to buy and live forever in the United States of America. They also use the money printed "In God We Trust".

Frank M. Atalig
Sinapalo, Rota

Angelo Villagomez: My son-in-law

I met Angelo Villagomez a few years back. He was introduced to me by Ken Kramer as the consultant for Beautify CNMI! There wasn't anything interesting with him when I met him the first time. The next meeting was when he visited our office to introduce Beautify CNMI! My employer then, Bridge Capital, LLC, was looking for a community project. Angelo is a good salesman. He knew what he was selling. His eyes showed his passion for what he was doing.

Few years later, I met Angelo in the Rotary Club of Saipan. I don't know what happened between the time I met him in our office and the day I saw him again. All I knew was I wasn't comfortable with him. I would always try to avoid him if I could. Looking back, I think that the reason was that he is closely associated with someone I didn't agree with and being so, to me he was guilty by association.

One day, I was having a lunch with my friend and fellow advocate, Thess Samson, in Bobby's Cadillac. Lo and behold! Angelo was there. He was all smiles as he approached our table. I started to talk about my favorite subject which was the plight of the CNMI guest workers to sort of put a line. It was a line that I was hoping he wouldn't cross or else. On the contrary, Angelo surprised me with his views and opinions. I found him to be reasonable, idealistic, articulate, and positive. He changed my opinion about him. I immediately became a great fan. I was so awed that I told him I don't mind having him as my son-in-law! Angelo and I would laugh about it. Of course, my daughter was way too young for him. I started to call him "my son-in-law".

Angelo, it was an honor to have served in the same Rotary Club with you. In some ways, you inspired me because you showed me that nothing is really impossible. All it takes is an unwavering commitment. You inspired me that to be afraid. For you, nothing is too big or too small. I was not surprised to know that you're running for a public office. I know it came from your sincere desire to serve the people. I know you can do it.

I wish I was there to help in your campaign. You know that I would if I was there.

I pray that Saipan will give you a chance. They need someone who could offer change. And change is you, my son-in-law, Angelo!

Irene N. Tantiado
Savannakhet, Laos

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning, then isolated showers in the afternoon. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼76°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°

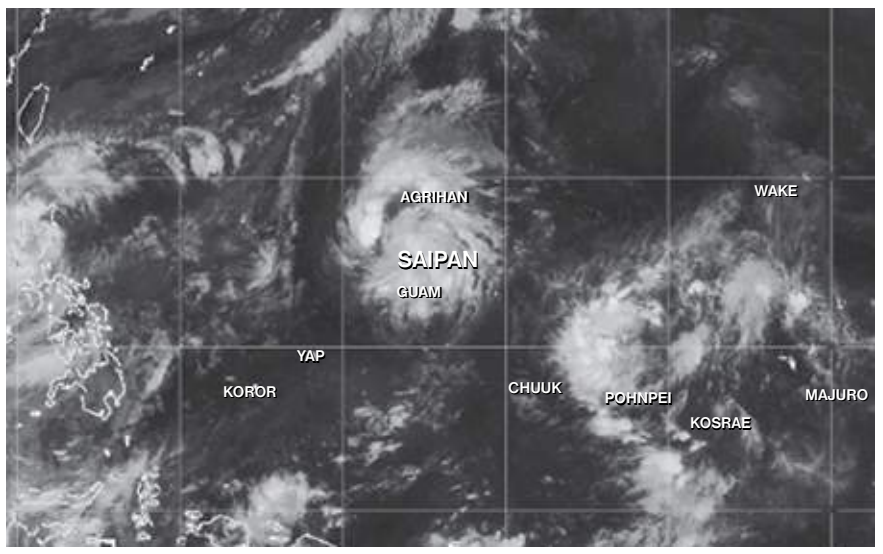
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Rain	▲84	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼75
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲64	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲72	▼50
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼75
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼75
London	Showers	▲63	▼50
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲74	▼58
Manila	Showers	▲85	▼77
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲59	▼41
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼56
Osaka	Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Paris	Showers	▲66	▼54
Pusan	Sunny	▲72	▼52
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲78	▼60
Salem	Sunny	▲68	▼39
San Francisco	Sunny	▲71	▼53
Seoul	Showers	▲68	▼50
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼56
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲86	▼63

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The monsoon trough stretches southeastward from 18N130E through a circulation currently the subject of a tropical cyclone formation alert centered west of Guam at 14N143E then through another circulation centered west of the Marshall Islands at 8N163E to end at EQ175E. Converging winds associated with the circulation west of Guam are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Mariana Islands within an area bounded by a line from 22N142E to 15N141E to 13N145E to 15N149E back to 22N142E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are also found north and west of the circulation west of the Marshalls within an area bounded by a line from 10N155E to 8N159E to 14N167E to 13N158E back to 10N155E and south of Kosrae between the equator and 3N from 159E to 164E. For more information on the circulation west of Guam, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers northeast of Majuro within 75 miles of a line from 10N176E to 10N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:46 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
12:00 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:10 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
9:56 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:58 PM	10:30 AM
Saturday	11:00 PM	11:31 AM
Sunday		12:27 PM
Monday	12:03 AM	1:20 PM
Tuesday	1:04 AM	2:09 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

CO9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

CO9317	4:20am	5:10am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7 via ROP
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 5, 6
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW78	9:00am	11:40am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 (last DAILY flight leaves SPN Sep 26)

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
CO9603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
CO9599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

CO9598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
CO9312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

CO9598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
CO9312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

CO9598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
CO9316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
CO9312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
NW100	8:40pm	1:20am+1	1, 4, 5, 7 effective Oct 1

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

NW77	9:10pm	1:40am+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7 (last DAILY flight leaves NGO Sep 26)

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	4, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/CO9596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:50pm	2:30pm+1	3, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	4, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Public Health: $746K debt to PHI settled

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
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REPORTER

The Department of Public Health said it has reached a settlement regarding its $746,000 debt with PHI Pharmacy.

The debt was incurred from Global Health Leadership Institute and Medicaid fees.

PHI vice president Bruce Cohen wrote a letter to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial proposing to resolve the past due payments of the outstanding account.

The letter was dated Feb. 2, 2009, which was sent through fax to *Saipan Tribune* by the office of Rep. Ray N. Yumul.

In that letter PHI proposed a monthly payment plan of $25,000 starting Feb. 15, 2009 and should continue every 15th of each month until the entire balance is paid in full.

Cohen noted that should monthly payments be more that five days late, then the monthly payment of $25,000 will begin to accrue interest at the rate of six percent APR until that particular payment is paid in full.

Charles P. Reyes said Tuesday that DPH told him that the issue had been resolved.

DPH Acting Secretary Pedro T. Untalan, in response to an email inquiry, said that after consultation with Cohen both "have determined that this issue is a non-issue."

He said that the current administration has diligently addressed the said liability that was incurred and left unresolved during the past administration.

He said that Cohen is satisfied with how it was addressed by the governor.

"I really question the sincerity of Mr. Yumul's motive and the manner in how he tried to intercede?" said Untalan.

Cohen has yet to respond to an email inquiry.

Based on the letter to Fitial, PHI staff member Rhonda Nogis had a meeting with the governor prior to Feb. 2.

Cohen stated the fact that PHI may experience serious problems meeting its financial obligations due mostly to the accounts receivable from both the GHLI and Medicaid patients.

PHI said that while they are committed to provide pharmaceutical needs for the two patient groups, Cohen said they could not do this as it will risk putting PHI out of business.

"Such drastic action would be to the detriment of the general public as well as PHI, since it is one of the few facilities with fully staffed and licensed pharmacists capable of dispensing the medication to meet the medical needs of the CNMI public,' Cohen said.

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- Does not understand simple instructions
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A Serenity Salon & Spa staff is at work at the facial treatment room. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
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REPORTER

As its name suggests, Serenity Salon and Spa provides you with quality services that will let you enjoy life's comforts without emptying your wallet.

Located at the second floor of Dollar Days store in Garapan, Serenity Salon and Spa offers spa, massage, and salon services at affordable prices and as a treat to its regular customers, these services will be available at an even cheaper rate this weekend.

"In celebration of our fourth anniversary, we are offering a 25-percent discount on all services on Friday (today) and Saturday," Serenity senior therapist/facialist Pinky Antonino said.

Serenity was founded by husband and wife Ta Bun Kuy and Annette Ta on Oct. 10, 2005 with the objective of pampering customers with quality services at reasonable prices.

"We, at Serenity, know that we are experiencing financial difficulties right now. Still, we want people in the CNMI to enjoy some luxury in life, such as having a massage or facial, so we always keep the prices of our services inexpensive," Antonino added.

"These may be cheaper, but you get the same quality services from our friendly, knowledgeable, and accommodating staff," she added.

Antonino said their signature massage (Swedish, Shiatsu, Aromatherapy) will still be offered at one-hour per service, but instead of its usual $25 price tag, customers will only pay $18.

"Customers are guaranteed to get the relief they want after a stressful work/activity through our massage services. Besides giving massage, our well-trained staff also informs customers what are causing them the pains and what should be done to prevent these," said Antonino, adding that they used healing and essential oils, instead of ordinary oils for their massage services and these are imported from Sydney, Australia.

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There's also a separate body scrub facility equipped with a steaming room and clean bathroom and bed.

"We strictly implement changing the beddings of each room per customer to ensure quality hygiene," Antonino said.

Customers who want to avail of the discounted services must visit Serenity today, starting at 9am to set an appointment. A receptionist will be available at the desk to take reservations, which will be on a first come, first serve basis.

"Having discounts available on all services for two days is our way of saying thank you to our valued customers. We also want to attract new customers and encouraged them that they can still indulge themselves without spending too much," Antonino added.

For more information, contact Antonino at 233-6688 or 233-2288.

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Final $9 million of State Energy grant awarded

U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu announced recently in Washington that the Northern Marianas Islands has received all of the State Energy Program funding provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The departmental delivered an additional $9 million to the NMI. This brings to $18 million the total funding received for SEP. The money is to be used to increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in the Northern Marianas.

U.S. Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan called the announcement "another example of how the Congress is providing funds to the Northern Marinas Islands to create and protect jobs, to pump up the local economy, and reduce our costly dependence on foreign oil."

The Department of Energy awarded the first 50 percent of the Northern Marianas Island State Energy Program funding earlier this year.

According to the department, the CNMI will use the $18.6 million total in federal funds for several initiatives to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. These inactive include incorporating energy efficiency technologies and practices in buildings and providing for the development, implementation, and enforcement of energy policies throughout the government of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The islands will also use Recovery Act funds to establish an energy education program providing schools and the general public with information about energy efficiency concepts, application, and scientific studies. Consistent with Recover Act goals, each of these initiatives will help reduce energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases, while creating or maintaining jobs.

"The State Energy Program funding is one of the largest grants the Northern Mariana Islands is receiving from the Recovery Act," said Sablan. "But it is just part of the total for energy.

"We are also receiving $800,000 for weatherization of about 175 homes to help individual families save on their utility. We are receiving $100,000 for the so-called 'Cash for Clunker Appliances' program, which provides a rebate to people who purchase Energy Star qualified home appliances like air conditioners and water heaters. Again, the purpose is to reduce residential utility bills. And the CNMI has also been allocated a $9.6 million Energy Efficiency and Conversation Block Grant. These monies also are supposed to help the CNMI reduce the amount of energy we use and get more value out of every dollar we spend for energy," he added. ***(PR)***

ISLAND APPAREL DONATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Clothing donations from Island Apparel were handed over to the United Workers Movement, NMI and PILCOWA-Pilipino Contract Workers Association, which spearheaded a fundraising drive for Typhoon Ondoy victims in the Philippines. Reps. Joseph Deleon Guerrero and Diego Benavente initiated the donation campaign through the help of Yasuhito Irinika, Island Apparel director of operations. The cost of the mixed brand new shirts, caps, and pants donation had been estimated between $30,000 and $40,000. From left are Irinaka, Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero, UWM, NMI president Rabby Syed, PILCOWA president Jun Concillado, PILCOWA vice president Ferdie Martin, UWM, NMI and PILCOWA board chairman Ronnie Doca, and Rep. Diego Benavente.

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Saipan science teacher selected for NSTA fellowship program

The National Science Teachers Association, the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning, in partnership with the Amgen Foundation; Agilent Technologies Foundation; Astellas Pharma US, Inc.; and Bayer Corporation, yesterday announced that Michael Blasberg, a science teacher at Marianas High School in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, was chosen from hundreds of applications to participate as an Amgen-NSTA Fellow in the 2009 NSTA New Science Teacher Academy.

The only teacher selected from the Northern Mariana Islands, Blasberg will participate with 184 other science teachers from the United States in a year-long professional development program designed to help promote quality science teaching, enhance teacher confidence and classroom excellence and improve teacher content knowledge.

"At NSTA, we believe it is important to help educators develop their skills as teachers so that they can not only bolster student achievement, but better inspire passion for science in their students," said Dr. Francis Eberle, executive director, NSTA. "We congratulate this year's group of Fellows and are grateful for their commitment to science education and to their students."

Blasberg

The 2009 Fellows were selected on the basis of several criteria, including showing evidence of a solid science background and displaying a strong interest in growing as a professional science educator. Each fellow will receive a comprehensive NSTA membership package, online mentoring with trained mentors who teach in the same discipline, and the opportunity to participate in a variety of web-based professional development activities, including web seminars. In addition, each fellow will receive financial support to attend and participate in NSTA's 2010 National Conference on Science Education in Philadelphia.

Agilent Technologies Foundation and Bayer Corporation will each fund the participation of 10 science teachers as Agilent Foundation-NSTA Fellows and Bayer-NSTA Fellows, respectively. Astellas will support 15 science teachers from the Chicago area as Astellas-NSTA Fellows. The remaining 150 science teachers will be supported by the Amgen Foundation and named Amgen-NSTA Fellows.

Launched during the spring of 2007, the NSTA New Science Teacher Academy, co-founded by the Amgen Foundation, was established to help reduce the high attrition rate in the science teaching profession by providing professional development and mentoring support to early-career science teachers.

For a list of the 2009 fellows or to learn more about the NSTA New Science Teacher Academy, please visit www.nsta.org/academy. ***(PR)***

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Hawaiian Rock, Hanson Cement announce strategic partnership

GUAM—Hanson Permanente Cement of Guam and Hawaiian Rock Products have formed a strategic alliance for Micronesia.

Hanson Cement, the largest cement supplier in Micronesia, and Hawaiian Rock, the largest ready-mix concrete, aggregate and asphalt paving company in Micronesia, have formed this new alliance to ensure an ample availability of high quality cement and concrete products for Guam and Saipan during the regional military build-up and other anticipated construction projects.

Both companies are in the process of significantly expanding their operations. Hanson Cement will expand cement import capability, cement storage and bulk truck loading capabilities, while Hawaiian Rock is increasing its ready-mix concrete and quarry operations with additional aggregate production plants, ready-mix plants and mixer trucks.

Hanson Cement will then have the ability to supply over 500,000 metric tons of cement per year and Hawaiian Rock's capacity will increase to over 1 million cubic yards of concrete per year.

This will allow both companies to adequately supply any increases in demand for cement and concrete currently forecasted for Guam and Saipan. Hanson Cement and Hawaiian Rock each recently celebrated their 50th anniversaries of doing business on Guam.

Hanson Cement is a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement AG, while Hawaiian Rock is a subsidiary of MCC Development Corporation, which is joint company of Mitsubishi Materials Corporation and Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan. ***(PR)***

DEQ raised red flag on 8 locations

The Division of Environmental Quality has raised the red flag on eight locations on Saipan and advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ red-flagged Tanapag Hall, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, Smiling Cove Marina, America Memorial Park, Micro Beach, Garapan Fishing Dock, and Sugar Dock after water samples collected from the sites contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 38 locations on the Saipan's Coast. Marine Water Quality Reports are also provided at www.deq.gov.mp and www.cnmicoralreef.net. Interested individuals and organizations can also receive email notifications of the weekly marine water quality reports. To do so, please send email to environment@deq.gov.mp.

DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 664-8500 with any question. ***(DEQ)***

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Team Courage sponsors Thanks For Giving Walk

Cancer survivors are encouraging community members, most especially family and friends to join them on a morning walk on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 at the Garapan Fishing Base at 7am.

"Every year the community comes together at the Hopwood field for the CCA Marianas March Against Cancer event to support all cancer survivors and the teams that fundraise. This 'Thanks For Giving Walk' is a small token of Team Courage's appreciation for the many years of support—in-kind and monetary," said Bobbi Grizzard, breast cancer survivor 20 years.

Janine Nogis, chairman for the 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer event, said this walk is also an opportunity for families and organizations to get a head start in fielding a team for the MMAC event. "We want to help existing teams and hopefully recruit new teams. We're working on the details, but teams that participate in this Thanks For Giving Walk will receive a discount on the team registration fees."

For more information about forming a team or participating in the Thanks For Giving Walk, please attend the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 5:30pm at the Hyatt Chamolinian Room.

For general information about the annual Marianas March Against Cancer event, please contact Janine Nogis at 483-4207 or send an email to **mmac-**@googlegroups.com. ***(PR)***

Beat typhoon stress with cha cha

With clearer skies and the threat of super typhoons out of the way, the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities is reminding the community to relieve bad weather blues by putting on your dancing shoes and cha cha the night away.

The council's first cha cha dance fundraiser, dubbed "Blame it on the Cha Cha Cha," will be held tomorrow, Oct. 9, 5:30pm-10:30pm and will feature live music from Parker, Maggie Naputi, and Burning Bush at the Saipan World Resort Jungle Stage.

"We thank everyone for their patience and support and we look forward to seeing you at the Blame It on the Cha Cha Cha this Friday. Please come and support a great community organization while having fun dancing," said NMIHC Development Committee Chair Janet King.

The council is a private, non-profit, organization with 501(c)(3) status that has operated in the Commonwealth since 1991 and is eligible to receive Educational Tax Credit or ETC.

Its mission is to foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth.

"Blame it on the Cha Cha Cha" will feature a cha cha contest, live performances all night long, and a chance to help a non-profit organization.

Tickets are $10 per person with a complimentary drink and will be available at the NMIHC office at the Spring's Plaza along Middle Road. For more information, call 235-4785. ***(PR)***

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Three of the 12 participants of Okadaya Restaurant's special soba lessons are seen here learning how to make fresh hand-made buckwheat soba.

Okadaya opens at Himawari

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A traditional fresh hand-made buckwheat soba restaurant has recently opened in Garapan targeting both local and Japanese patrons living on the island.

Named Okadaya Saipan branch, the business is located on the ground floor of Himawari Store & Bakery which is known for offering authentic and fresh Japanese products.

Okadaya's first store opened in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.

According to Himawari vice president Tatsuhito Suzuki, since its soft opening last Sept. 1, Okadaya has received positive feedback from patrons.

This interest in turn inspired the company to offer special soba lessons to interested participants.

A total of 12 individuals successfully underwent training from Okadaya and Himawari cooks, which conducted the program for a fee of $20 per participant.

Though majority of the participants were comprised of Japanese, Suzuki was elated on the turnout and vowed to continue the lessons in the next two months.

Suzuki said through such programs, Okadaya and Himawari imparted to non-Japanese the uniqueness of their culture by establishing a private culture institute.

Himawari offers authentic Japanese food items while its hotel caters to specific Japanese practices by providing venues for the traditional tea ceremony, Japanese spa room, and kendo class, among the basics.

Kendo master Itsuro Hosoda, Himawari co-owner, teaches the free classes at the Saipan Kendo Club where 25 students were initially taught of the skill.

"This is our way of thanking the community for the continued support to our business," Hosoda said, adding that despite the economic challenges the company will remain strong for its patrons.

The vice president said that they will offer more promotional activities and marketing strategies to boost the business on island.

Though he admitted the existence of many Japanese restaurants and stores on island, Suzuki is confident that Himawari and Okadaya will be on top of the challenge.

"We're offering a good service and reasonable prices for our products and services. That I think it is one of our many advantages," he said.

Live fire training at FDM set

The Emergency Management Office, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit would be conducting live fire training on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla.

The schedule dates and times are as follow:

- Oct. 13-14 from 7am to 1am—Live fire training.
- Oct. 16 and 18 from 7am to 1am—Live fire training.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla Training Area (R7201) on a ten (10) nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos is strongly advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office, Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

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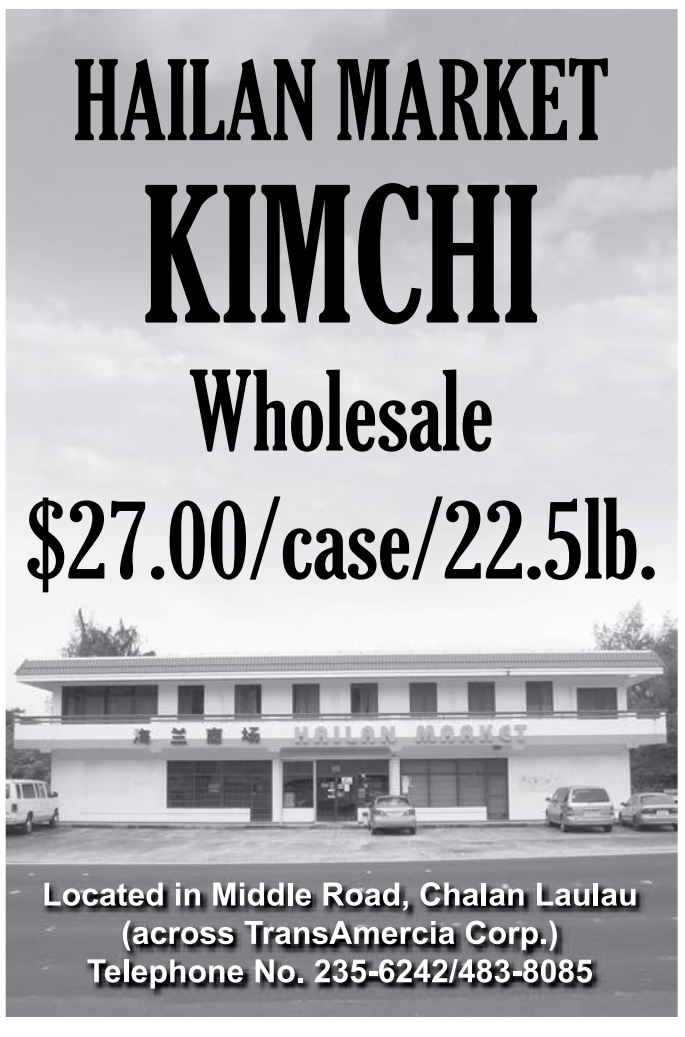

PRIC delegates ring opening bell at RP Stock Exchange

Foreign delegates from the Asia Pacific Region and APAFS executives rang the bell at the Philippine Stock Exchange on Wednesday, Oct. 7, to signify the opening of the market after a morning tour at the Philippine Stock Exchange office in Makati, Philippines.

The annual Pacific Region Investment Conference, organized by the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies is the only education-forum conference concentrating on the region.

Those who took part in the bell ringing include Graceful Enlet, Chairman of the Board, College of Micronesia FSM; Presley Etibek, Administrator, Republic of Palau Civil Service Pension Plan; William Ngirakelau, Chairman, Republic of Palau Civil Service Pension Plan; Philip Mendiola-Long, Chairman, Marianas Public Land Trust; Mary Figir, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, College of Micronesia FSM; Anthony Muller, President and CEO, Marshall Islands National Telecommunications Authority; Gerard Cruz, APAFS Chairman of the Board of Governors; and Jason Miyashita, APAFS Instructor and Media Spokesperson.

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Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies executives join foreign delegates from the Asia Pacific Region taking part in the annual Pacific Region Investment Conference ring the bell at the Philippine Stock Exchange last Oct. 7.

The conference was set yesterday, Oct. 8 until today, Oct. 9, at the Renaissance Makati City Hotel Manila. Emerging markets expert, Dr. Dr. Mark Mobius and Senator Manny Villar leads the lineup of speakers of the 9th Pacific Region Investment Conference. ***(PR)***

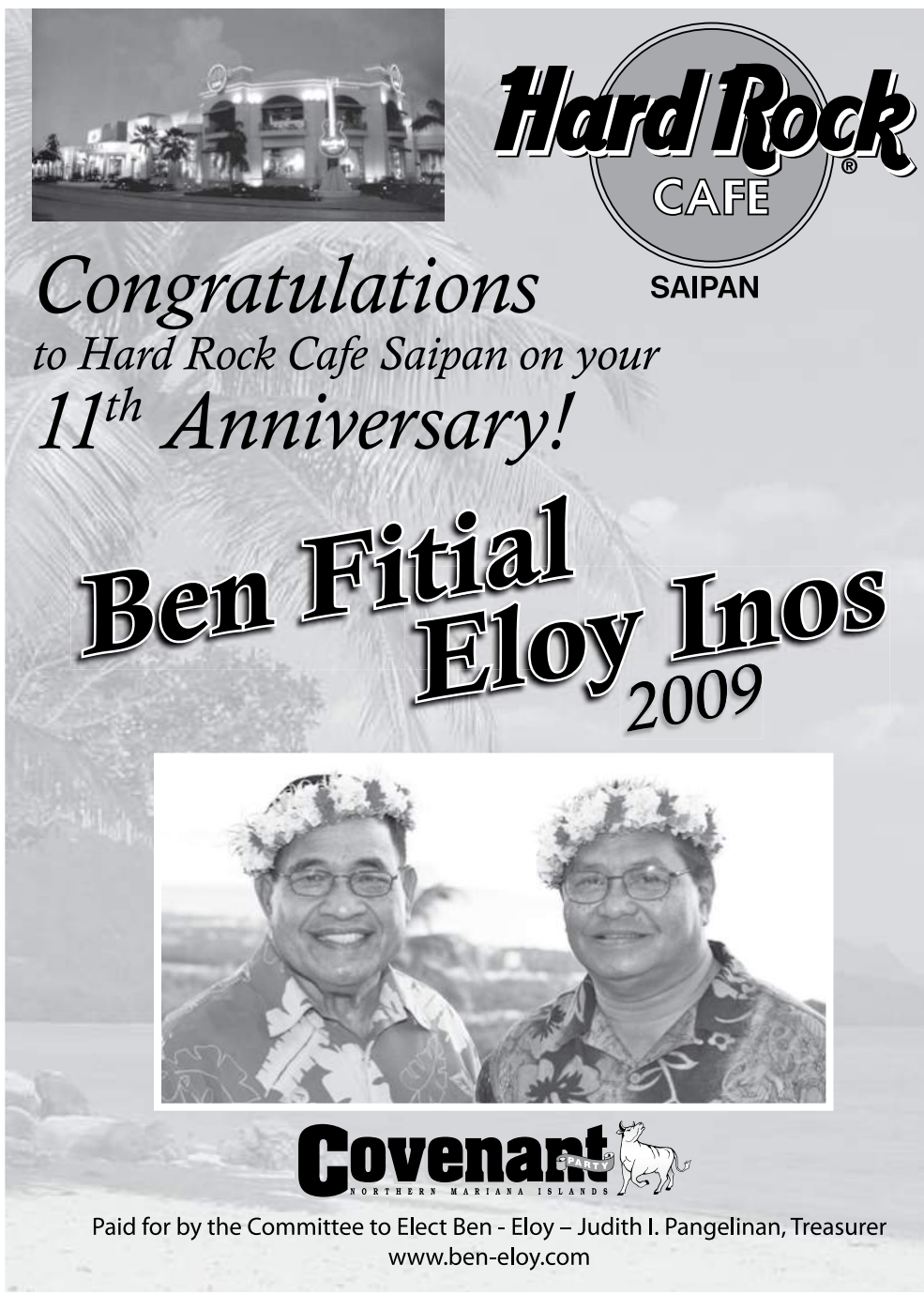
Coast Guard air crew medically evacuates ill infant from A. Samoa

HONOLULU—A U.S. Coast Guard air crew conducted a medical evacuation of an ill infant from American Samoa to Oahu Tuesday.

Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) watch standers here received a call from the Department of Health and Human Services Command Center in Washington, D.C., Monday about a 54-day-old girl in American Samoa who required immediate air transport to Tripler Army Medical Center on Oahu.

A Coast Guard C-130 long-range search plane air crew from Air Station Barbers Point departed American Samoa with a Disaster Medical Assist Team (DMAT) Monday evening and arrived on Oahu at about 2:30am Tuesday.

A Coast Guard flight surgeon, the Department of Health and Human Services Command Center and JRCC watch standers all contributed to the successful completion of the medical transport. ***(PR)***



Business

Justice Dept probing IBM's computer market conduct

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Justice Department is looking into allegations that IBM Corp. has abused its dominant position in the market for mainframe computers, the data-crunching heavy lifters of the computing world that IBM introduced in the 1960s and which are now used to process some of the most sensitive data in banking, government and health care.

The accusations stem from claims by IBM rivals that they've been illegally frozen out of the mainframe market because of IBM's refusal to allow its mainframe operating software to run on non-IBM computers. IBM doesn't have many rivals anymore that make mainframe computers, but some smaller companies are trying to develop technologies that would allow the software to run on cheaper hardware.

They allege that IBM, which used to license its mainframe software to competitors and for the back half of the last century operated under an antitrust agreement with the government, stopped doing so in recent years to choke off competition.

Known for their reliability, mainframes can cost $1 million or more each and are behind many everyday transactions. Withdrawing cash from an ATM, for example, often involves the ATM pinging a mainframe at the bank where the customer's data is stored to make sure there's enough money in the account.

The Computer and Communications Industry Association, an industry organization that complained to the Justice Department last month about IBM's behavior, said Wednesday the government has started examining its allegations by sending out formal requests for information about the mainframe market to IBM rivals.

"IBM will tell big customers that if you buy that other stuff, we're not going to let that stuff talk to our stuff," said Ed Black, CEO of the trade group. "We think of the Internet as open and innovative, but that's a lock 'em up and keep 'em locked up strategy. That's very unsatisfactory for the customer base."

One of the companies that received a request from the Justice Department was Tampa, Fla.-based T3 Technologies Inc., which in January lodged a formal complaint against IBM with European antitrust regulators and is suing IBM in the U.S. alleging antitrust abuses.

The company, a reseller of IBM mainframes from 1992 to 2002, says IBM has tried to thwart its expansion into making mainframes by denying it licenses for IBM's mainframe software, something done "for no reason other than to remove all competition from the mainframe market."

T3's president, Steven Friedman, didn't respond to messages from The Associated Press late Wednesday.

The Justice Department would not comment on a potential antitrust investigation.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil rises above $70 in Asia as US dollar weakens

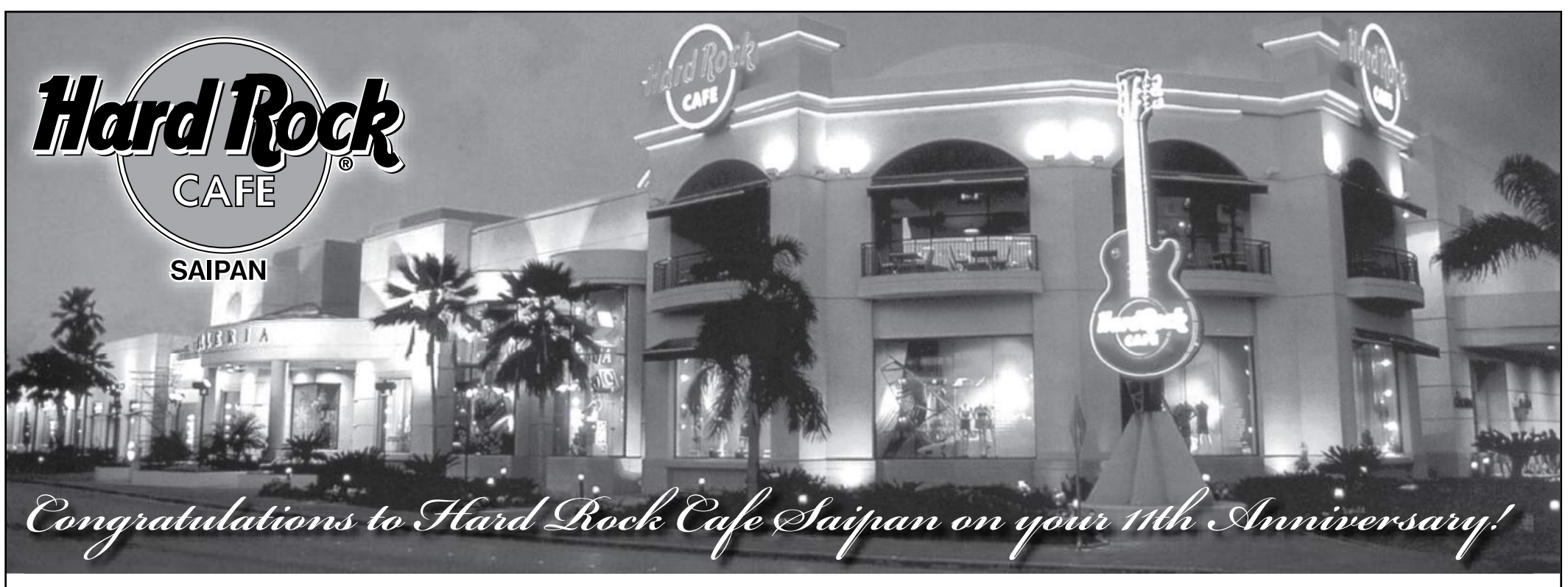
SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose above $70 a barrel Thursday in Asia amid a weakening U.S. dollar and mixed crude inventory data. Benchmark crude for November delivery was up 62 cents at $70.19 by midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost $1.31 to settle at $69.57 on Wednesday. A slide in the U.S. dollar has helped bolster oil prices, which are traded in the American currency. The euro rose to $1.4758 on Thursday from $1.4687 the previous day, and the dollar slipped to 88.30 yen from 88.60.

Study: Global prescription drug sales growth slows

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Growth of prescription drug revenue worldwide will likely dip to between 4 percent and 6 percent next year—the lowest rate in at least a decade, according to a forecast to be released Thursday. IMS Health, which tracks sales of prescription drugs in 220 countries, cited increased sales of generic drugs, the global recession and other factors. In the United States, growth is expected to be about 5 percent, an improvement from last year, according to a five-year forecast from IMS. But that's up from the research firm's estimates from just several months ago, and the new estimates indicate global prescription drug sales could hit $1 trillion per year in 2013.

Brookings researchers warn of more flight delays

DALLAS (AP)—Lengthy airline delays are twice as common now as in 1990 and will get worse as the economy recovers, according to a Brookings Institution report released Thursday. The researchers said much of the problem is due to heavy concentrations of short trips between big cities, but they also cited an "ill-equipped" air traffic control system and other factors. They suggested increasing high-speed rail service to offer travelers alternatives to short flights. They also recommended letting busy airports charge fees on rush-hour flights to make airlines spread trips more evenly through the day.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Nation

Health bill would cost $829B, cover 94 percent

WASHINGTON (AP)—Health care legislation drafted by a key Senate committee would expand coverage to 94 percent of all eligible Americans at a 10-year cost of $829 billion, congressional budget experts said Wednesday, a preliminary estimate trumpeted by the White House and likely to power the measure past a major hurdle within days.

The Congressional Budget Office added that the legislation would reduce federal deficits by $81 billion over a decade and probably lead to "continued reductions in federal" red ink in the years beyond.

The report paves the way for the Senate Finance Committee to vote as soon as early next week on the legislation, which is largely in line with President Barack Obama's call for the most sweeping overhaul of the nation's health care system in a half-century.

At the White House, spokesman Reid Cherlin said the analysis "confirms that we can provide stability and security for Americans with insurance and affordable options for uninsured Americans without adding a dime to the deficit and saving money over the long term."

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the committee chairman and principal architect of the measure, hailed the estimates within moments of receiving them.

"This legislation, I believe, is a smart investment on our federal balance sheet. It's an even smarter investment for American families, businesses and our economy," he said on the Senate floor.

The committee Baucus chairs is the fifth and last of the congressional panels to debate health care. The Senate Finance version has a decided middle-of-the-road flavor, shunning any provision for the government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. That provision, strongly favored by many Democrats and just as strongly opposed by Republicans, is still alive in proposed House versions of the legislation.

The Finance Committee bill does not require businesses to offer coverage to their workers, either, although large firms that do not would be required to offset the cost of any government subsidies going to those employees.

While generally positive about the legislation's effects, the report contained important caveats.

One noted that the estimate does not include the costs of proposed payment increases for doctors serving Medicare patients, roughly $200 billion through 2019. Additionally, a so-called fail-safe mechanism to hold spending in line could result in cuts as large as 15 percent in federal subsidies designed to help the poor afford insurance, CBO said.

Beginning in 2013, the measure would require that millions of Americans purchase private insurance for the first time, and would set up a new marketplace where policies would be available. Failure to obey the requirement would result in penalties of up to $750 per family.

Federal subsidies would be available to millions of lower-income individuals and families to help defray the cost of coverage that would otherwise be out of their reach. The alternative to government-sold health care, a proposal for nonprofit co-ops that would compete with private companies, was judged largely ineffective by budget officials. Such arrangements "seem unlikely to establish a significant medical presence in many areas of the country," they wrote.

The legislation also would ban current insurance industry practices that deny coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions, and restrict companies' ability to charge vastly higher premiums on the basis of age, gender or other factors.

The measure would be paid for through a variety of tax increases and spending cuts, including savings of hundreds of billions of dollars from Medicare, the federal health care program for seniors.

Democratic leaders are hoping to hold votes on health care on the floor of the House and Senate within a few weeks.

Anticipating approval by the Finance Committee this week, Majority Leader Harry Reid has already begun efforts to merge that bill with an alternative approved by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Reid is subject to intense cross-pressures, not only from the members of the two committees, but also from the Obama administration and rank-and-file senators seeking to mold the legislation to their liking.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Obama, advisers weigh Afghanistan shift, Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Afghanistan war reached its once-unthinkable eighth anniversary Wednesday as President Barack Obama, seeking a revamped strategy for the increasingly unpopular conflict, focused more closely with his war council on neighboring Pakistan's role in the fight against al-Qaida. The White House also revealed that Obama has in hand—and has for nearly a week—the troop request prepared by the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal. It is said to include a range of options, from adding as few as 10,000 additional combat troops to—McChrystal's strong preference—as many as 40,000. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama asked for McChrystal's request last Thursday, before he flew to Copenhagen where he lobbied for Chicago's bid to host the Olympics and met with the general on the sidelines. The numbers could become the focus of concentrated White House attention as soon as Friday, Gibbs said.

Obama picks openly gay lawyer for ambassadorship

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama said Wednesday he planned to nominate an openly gay lawyer as the U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. If confirmed by the Senate, David Huebner would become the third openly gay ambassador in U.S. history and the first pick by this administration. In a statement released from the White House, Obama said he looked forward to working with Huebner and is confident he will represent the United States well in the Pacific region. Huebner is based in Shanghai, where he handles international arbitration and mediation cases for a U.S. firm. A graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School, he is also the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's general counsel and previously served on the group's board.

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Powerful typhoon slams into Japan, 2 die

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon tore through Japan's main island Thursday, forcing the cancellation of hundreds of flights, peeling off roofs and cutting electricity to hundreds of thousands before turning back toward the sea. Two men died and dozens were injured. Typhoon Melor hit the country's main island early Thursday with strong winds. The storm flooded roads and homes, toppled trees and power lines and heavily damaged some buildings Nearly 30 people were injured across the country and more than 11,000 people were evacuated to shelters, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency. A man died when his motorbike slammed into a downed tree in the coastal prefecture of Wakayama, and another died was killing by a falling tree just north of Tokyo, local police said. The storm smashed walls and windows, damaged buildings and toppled large trucks on highways as it moved northeast. News broadcasts showed partially submerged cars, bridges destroyed by the flooding, and large shipping containers scattered by the strong wind.

Explosion kills at least 4 in Afghan capital

KABUL (AP)—A powerful car bomb exploded in the busy center of Afghanistan's capital early Thursday, destroying vehicles, blowing off the walls of shops and killing at least four civilians, officials said. At least 67 people, including members of Afghan security forces, were also wounded in the attack, which occurred on a road between the Indian Embassy and the Interior Ministry, said Sayed Kabir Amiri, the head of all hospitals in the capital. The blast hit shortly after 8:30 a.m., just as residents were arriving to work.

Aid reaches villagers deep in Indonesia quake zone

KAMPUNG LAWEH, Indonesia (AP)—Children swarmed into the streets clutching begging boxes and yelling "please help me" Wednesday as an aid convoy reached villages deep in Indonesia's quake zone. Relief workers slowly making their way up debris-tangled mountain roads to places largely cut off for a week since the Sept. 30 earthquake are still unveiling the true scale of the disaster. In the provincial capital of Padang, the search for the dead and treatment of injuries have given way to clearing debris and trying to prevent disease outbreaks. In more remote areas, the situation remains more desperate. Large parts of Padang city and nearby villages in West Sumatra province were destroyed by the quake. The official death toll is 704 but could reach into the thousands. About 180,000 buildings were flattened or severely damaged, Indonesia's Disaster Management Agency said.

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With limited training providers in the CNMI, the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency is in the process of developing for incumbent workers Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) training in the form of a contract for training instead of ITA's.

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Diplomats urge return of ousted Honduran president

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Diplomats from across the hemisphere on Wednesday told Honduras' interim government to restore democracy to the impoverished nation and reinstate President Manuel Zelaya, calling his ouster in a coup a mistake that must be fixed.

Delegations from about a dozen countries held talks with representatives of Zelaya and the coup-installed government behind closed doors in Honduras' capital, then later met with interim President Roberto Micheletti in an at-times angry confrontation broadcast on local television.

Micheletti, his voice bristling with rage, scolded the diplomats for refusing to recognize what he insisted was the lawful removal of Zelaya under the Honduran Constitution and urged them to recognize elections scheduled for Nov. 29.

"We have been fighting for many years for our Constitution," Micheletti said during the meeting in the presidential palace. "And we will keep fighting no matter what happens."

The delegation sat stone-faced, a few rubbing their eyes in apparent fatigue during his outburst. Canada's minister of state for the Americas, Peter Kent, then told Micheletti that the international community respects the Honduran Constitution, but it oppose the military's ouster of Zelaya.

"However it happened, a mistake was made on June 28," Kent told the interim president. "A democratically leader, whatever his behavior in recent years, was undemocratically removed."

No breakthroughs were announced.

Micheletti says Zelaya's military-backed ouster was legal because it was sanctioned by Honduras' Supreme Court after he defied of a court order that he drop a referendum on changing the constitution. Most of the international community maintains the coup was illegal and must be reversed.

"We are not here to create a debate. We are here to find concrete solutions to a situation that cannot be prolonged," Organization of American States Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza said prior to the start of the meetings.

Insulza presented a proposal that would restore Zelaya as head of a unity government and offer amnesty to both the coup leaders and the deposed president, who faces abuse of power and other charges in Honduras.

The proposal, which also requires Zelaya to abandon any ambitions to change the constitution, is similar to one proposed months ago by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias and rejected by the interim government.

Zelaya gave the negotiators an ultimatum, calling for the postponement of upcoming presidential elections if he is not restored to office before Oct. 15. That proposal is certain to anger the interim government, which views the elections—scheduled before Zelaya's June 28 overthrow—as the best hope of moving past the crisis.

Tensions rose before Wednesday's meeting began as riot police fired tear gas to disperse about 200 Zelaya supporters protesting near the U.S. and Brazilian embassies.

Delegates from the United States, Canada and eight Latin American countries were mediating negotiations between representatives of Zelaya, who was ousted by the military three months ago, and interim President Roberto Micheletti, who has the support of Honduras' Congress and Supreme Court but has faced intense international pressure to allow his predecessor's return.

The Canadian minister said it was imperative for an agreement to be reached before the November elections, which many countries in the Americas have warned would not be recognized if Zelaya remains out of the power.

"I sense that everybody involved understands that we are nearly out of time and this crisis needs to be resolved now," Kent said.

Interim Vice President Marta Lorena Alvarado, however, said she did not expect an agreement Wednesday.

"It would be fantastic, but the problem is difficult and there are a lot of players. I don't think it will be today," she said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel foreign minister: Peace deal impossible now

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's foreign minister says there's no chance of ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for many years. Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman says efforts to reach a final peace deal have failed since the first accord between Israel and the Palestinians in 1993. Lieberman says it's unrealistic to think a long-term agreement on ending the conflict can be reached at this time and that whoever thinks an agreement can be reached soon just doesn't understand the situation. He says the two sides should instead strive for interim agreements that would create stability and leave the tough issues between the them "to a much later stage." Lieberman spoke ahead of a meeting with Washington's special Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, later Wednesday.

Disappearance of Iranian scientist creates myster

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—The disappearance of an Iranian nuclear scientist on a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia in June is raising questions about whether he defected and gave the West information on Iran's nuclear program. Iran's foreign minister on Wednesday accused the United States of involvement in the disappearance of Shahram Amiri, who reportedly worked at a university linked to the elite Revolutionary Guard military corps. In a sign of the sensitivities surrounding Amiri, Iranian officials have not even publicly identified Amiri as a nuclear scientist, referring to him only as an Iranian citizen. Amiri's wife has said he was researching medical uses of nuclear technology at a university and was not involved in the broader nuclear program.

"Upbeat on Rota Investments"

A week after a new investor took over the Rota Resort Hotel and announced a planned casino and a new water bottling company project, Governor Benigno R. Fitial announced the arrival of yet another major investment for the island of Rota.

"I welcome the entry of the Rota Treasure Island Corporation," said Governor Fitial "This corporation plans to invest $25 million in a casino-resort project that will feature shopping, entertainment, dining establishments, and a theme park."

The company, headed by President Masahiro Watanabe, will also establish transportation services to bring visitors to Rota by plane and jet-hydrofoil.

Rota Treasure Island Corporation has twelve years of industry experience and has already submitted a casino license application with the Rota Gaming Commission. The project is scheduled to get underway in January of 2010.

"I strongly believe that there are many opportunities in the island of Rota and in the CNMI," said President Watanabe.

Watanabe plans to attract Japanese and Korean tourists, as well as Guam residents, to Rota. The company president said the corporation has already established Rota tourism promotion office in Japan.

Governor Fitial said the Rota Treasure Island Corporation has expressed strong interest in developing Rota gaming opportunities while still respecting Rota's people and culture, as well as Rota's pristine natural environment.

The new gaming resort project reportedly has the support of the Rota municipal government and the Rota legislative delegation.

"I am upbeat about the economic possibilities in Rota," said Governor Fitial. "Rota's attractive natural environment, local culture, and close proximity to U.S. military bases on Guam may maximize Rota's gaming industry opportunities, but we need to make sure we do it right with the full support of the people of Rota," the Governor added.

Business History

Name of the Corporation	**Rota Treasure Island Corporation**
President	**Mr. Masahiro Watanabe**
Address	**P.O. Box 1034, Song Song Village, Rota MP 96951**
Total Investment Plan	**Over 25 Million Dollars**
Initial Investment	**5 Million Dollars**
Project	**Casino/Restaurant & Bar/Massage/ Entertainment/Hotel/Theme Park/ Transportation Services**
Main Target Tourists	**Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Guam**
Promotion Office & Office Headquarters	**Tokyo, Japan**
Industry Experience	**12 years**
Current State Of Affairs	**Re: Casino License, Submitted to the Rota Gaming Commission**
Commencement Day	**January 2010**

Rota Casino Project Concept:

Our proposed Casino Project Plan is one of the First Applicant on the Island of Rota. Currently, the CNMI has fallen into a very serious recession and the economic crisis the island is facing is felt to be beyond control to recovery period. Although, many of my business associates have warned me to reconsider making an investment under these current circumstances, I am determined to invest in this project to follow my belief. I strongly believe that there are many opportunities here in the island of Rota and in the CNMI.

One of the main assets these islands have are their rich and various natural resources. The island of Rota is known to be called the "Supreme Natural Treasure Island". Despite any future business development that will take place in these islands, we must keep in mind that we need to keep the islands' present natural

environment. Any development in Rota should be focused on environmental issues. We should sustain and protect the natural environment of the islands and not have anyone harm or destroy the island treasures.

We appreciate that many of the people of Rota are showing strong support in bringing the Casino industry into the island. As we respect the decision and support the people of Rota have offered, we must live up to these people's expectations. We are thankful and honored to have the full support of the Governor, the Mayor of Rota, The Rota legislative Delegation, the Municipal Council and the People of Rota in this Casino Industry. Once we begin this project, we should work hard to improve Rota's economy, and aim for progress and prosperity of the island of Rota and their people.

We are very happy to collaborate with the local people and we believe without the support of the local people, we would never have come this far to succeed in this project. We must always pay close attention and value the consensus and opinions of the local people, as this is our philosophy. We are taking its tail for the better development and concentrate entirely on Rota for a long term plan.

Currently, the island of Rota is not ready to accept millions of tourists. The lack of transportation, hotel facilities, shopping malls dining restaurants and other recreational activities are some of the reasons as to why Rota is not at the point where they can welcome and accommodate many tourists. Therefore, we must focus on the development of these facilities. Our business plan is to purchase airplanes that will go between Guam and Rota, and between Saipan and Rota for the improvement in travel and transportation. We may also work with existing airline companies to offer low and affordable air fares for the customers. Another plan is to use jet-hydrofoil between Guam and Rota. We also intend to have direct flights from Japan on a regular basis.

We can also provide special shows and entertainment, different authentic delicacies, shopping malls, special attractions and regular event for the tourists and the locals. Gambling Casino business is one of the instrumental for our project. Our next plan is developing and building a theme park to attract tourists. Our main target will be the Japanese tourists. Without the Japanese tourists, it will be very difficult to improve the tourist industry in Rota. According to officials statistics, show that over 20,000,000 of the Japanese people travel abroad every year. However, without a wise plan and a good strategy, it will be very difficult to penetrate into the market.

Our investment will be on a "phase to phase" base. However, practicable investment is most important subject ion these circumstances. We firmly believe that without increasing the number of the tourists, it is impossible to improve the Rota tourist industry. At the same time, we intent o set up a Rota Tourism Promotion Office in Japan. We are confident that these steps will help significantly increase the number of tourists from Japan. As I am a Japanese national, I understand the basic mentality of the Japanese people, what they want and how they select their travel destination. We have special marketing strategist on stand by in Japan. A one of the first pioneers to open up the Rota tourism gate in Japan, I am confident to attract more tourists and investors from Japan. We should establish in order to work this out legally at the soonest time possible.

The people of Rota and the people of the Marianas, the government and the business sectors should work together to achieve this goal, for the prosperity of both islands. We hope that our project plan will have its full support and cooperation from the entire community of Rota and its government. We look forward to achieve the mutual benefit between the entire island of Rota, the CNMI and our group.

Masahiro Watanabe
President
Rota Treasure Island Corporation

Off The Wall

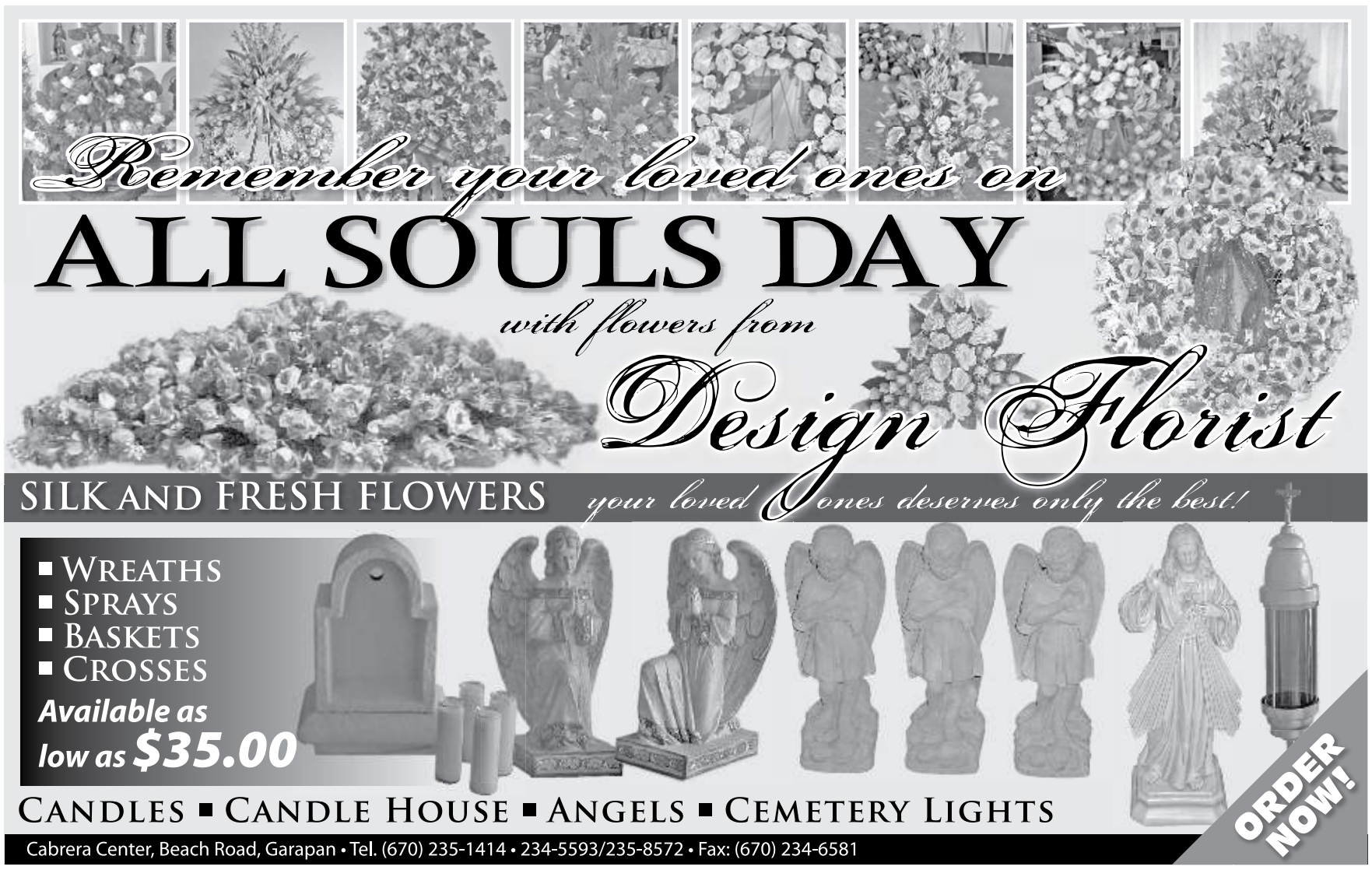
OFFBEAT BRIEFS

ND woman's 7-foot-long dog could be record holder

CASSELTON, N.D. (AP)—Boomer may be a buster: Measuring 3 feet tall at the shoulders and 7 feet long from nose to destructive wagging tail, he might be the world's tallest living dog. Owner Caryn Weber says her 3-year-old Landseer Newfoundland keeps all four paws on the floor when he drinks from the kitchen faucet in her family's eastern North Dakota farm house. Boomer stares into car windows eye to eye with drivers. A 20-pound bag of dry dog food lasts the 180-pound canine a couple of weeks. Weber says her furry black and white dog "comes into the house and his tail is so high everything gets knocked around." Weber plans to send Boomer's measurements to Guinness World Records. The previous record holder was a nearly 4-foot-tall Great Dane that died this summer.

Md. driving lesson ends with minivan in bedroom

LANHAM, Md. (AP)—Police in Maryland say a driving lesson on Good Luck Road ended with a minivan crashing through an apartment wall. It happened in Lanham, where apartment resident Robert Scriber's leg was hurt by flying debris. He says the minivan landed on top of a bed where he'd been lying minutes before. Police say a man was teaching his friend to drive when the accident occurred just after 10 a.m. Monday. Authorities say the driver was in the country illegally and didn't have a license. They say the man's friend didn't have a license either.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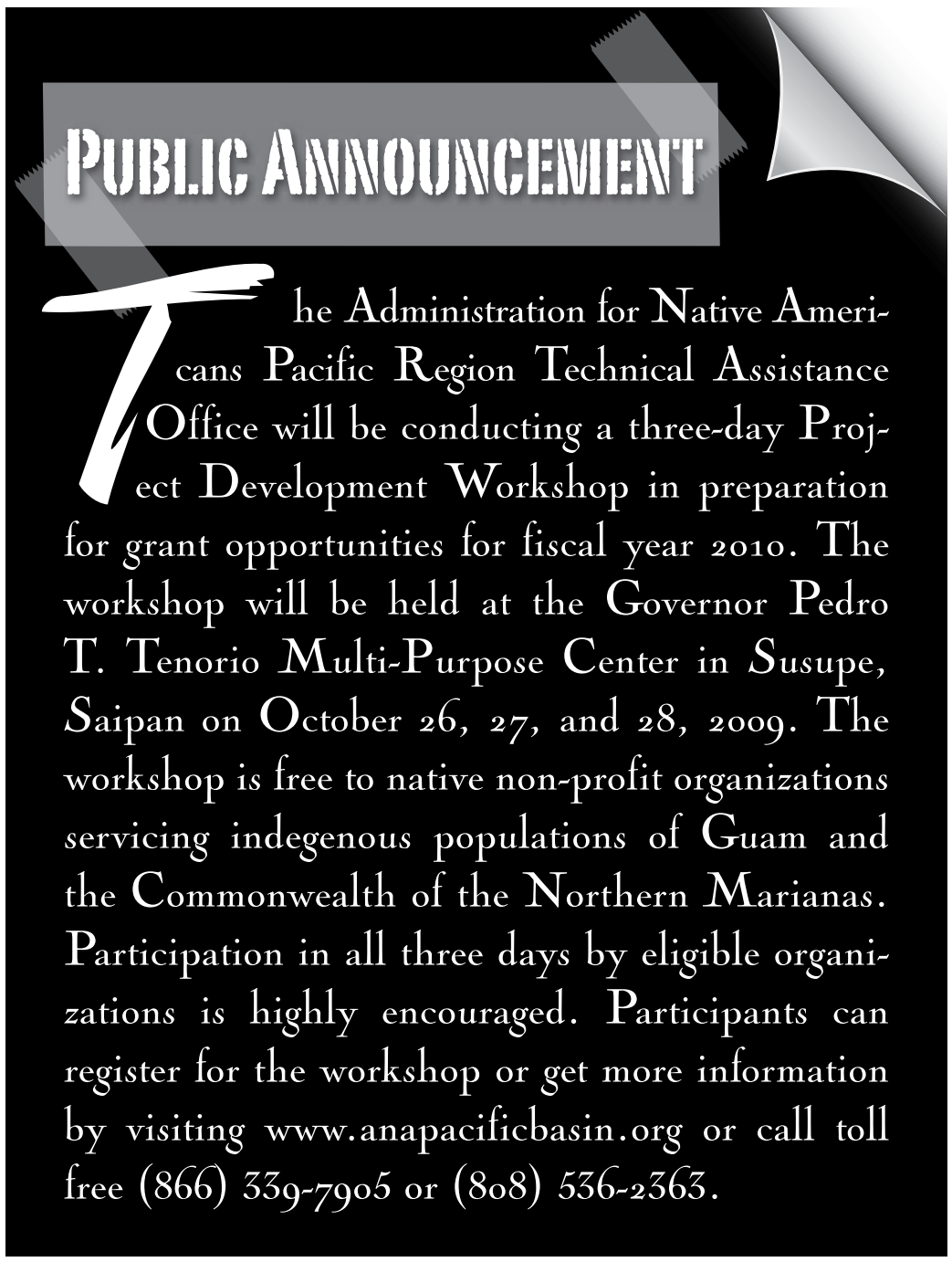

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
The Administration for Native Americans Pacific Region Technical Assistance Office will be conducting a three-day Project Development Workshop in preparation for grant opportunities for fiscal year 2010. The workshop will be held at the Governor Pedro T. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan on October 26, 27, and 28, 2009. The workshop is free to native non-profit organizations servicing indegenous populations of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. Participation in all three days by eligible organizations is highly encouraged. Participants can register for the workshop or get more information by visiting www.anapacificbasin.org or call toll free (866) 339-7905 or (808) 536-2363.

Science & Technology

You can watch NASA give the moon a one-two punch

WASHINGTON (AP)—NASA will throw a one-two punch at the big old moon Friday and the whole world will have ringside seats for the lunar dust-up.

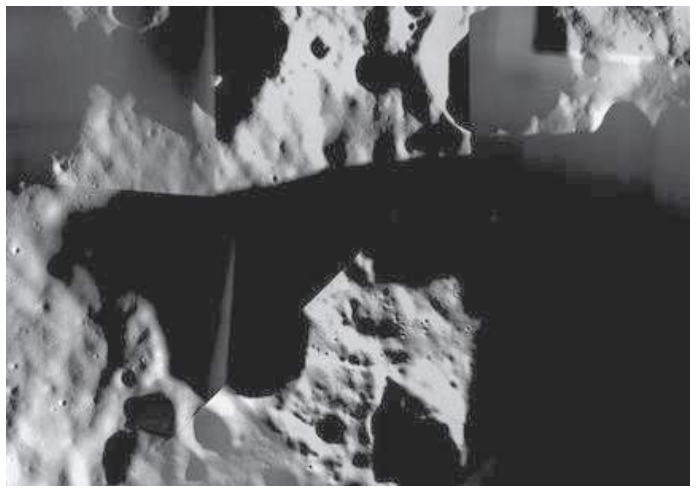
NASA will send a used-up spacecraft slamming into the moon's south pole to kick up a massive plume of lunar dirt and then scour it to see if there's any water or ice spraying up. The idea is to confirm the theory that water—a key resource if people are going to go back to the moon—is hidden below the barren moonscape.

The crashing spaceship was launched in June along with an orbiter that's now mapping the lunar surface. LCROSS—short for Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite and pronounced L-Cross—is on a collision course with the moon, attached to an empty 2.2-ton rocket that helped get the probe off the ground.

Thursday evening, about 10 hours before smashing into the moon, LCROSS and its empty rocket will separate.

Then comes the first part of the lunar assault. At 7:31 a.m. EDT, the larger empty rocket will crash into a permanently dark crater and kick up a 6.2 mile high spray of debris.

Trailing just behind that rocket is the LCROSS satellite itself, beaming back to Earth live pictures of the impact and the debris plume using color cameras. It will scour for ice, fly through the debris cloud and then just four minutes later take the fatal plunge itself, triggering a dust storm one-third the size of the first hit.



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This undated handout image provided by B.Grieger, B.H. Foing & European Space Agency (ESA)/ SMART-1 / AMIE team, shows the impact site for Friday's LCROSS, that will take place in the center permanent shadow area, top third of image.

"This is going to be pretty cool," LCROSS project manager Dan Andrews told The Associated Press. "We'll be going right down into it. Seeing the moon come up at you is pretty spectacular."

Within an hour, scientists will know whether water was hiding there or not.

The mission is a set-the-stage venture dreamed up by the NASA office that has been working on a $100 billion program to eventually return astronauts to the moon. The return-to-the-moon goal is now being re-examined by NASA and the White House.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- FELIPE Q. ATALIG, ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ATALIG LEUTA, RON B. ATALIG, and ERIC B. ATALIG, Defendants.	Civil Action No. 03-0639C **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, in the following described, real property situated in Garapan, Saipan CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 007 D 25, land situated in South Garapan, Saipan, CM, known as Lot No. 007 D 25, and containing an area of 702 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 007 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 653, on the 27th day of November 1970, including **Casa de Felipe** and all other improvements located therein;

and

Lot No. 007 D 26, land situated in South Garapan, Saipan, CM, known as Lot No. 007 D 26 (formerly known as Lot 6, Block 34), and containing an area of 702 square Meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 007 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 653, on the 27th day of November 1970, including **Casa de Felipe** and all other improvements located thereon.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**

2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:

   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;

   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before and specific property is struck off, without incurring and liability whatsoever thereby; and

   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 2357147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.

5. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auctions sale. All payments much be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change of changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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1ST AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for the Procurement and Installation of a Non-Directional (Rotating) Beacon at the Tinian International Airport

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure and install a brand new non-directional (rotating) beacon at the Tinian International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, installation and testing of the new beacon with a 1-year warranty and 1-year preventive maintenance services. Beacon specifications are as follows with all new components:

- No less than sixty feet (60') high;
- Must withstand at least 190 MPH winds;
- Have a 1.5 gust factor;
- Include a climbing device and basket tower;
- Include a beacon light with 120 VAC, lens, pulse start, obstruction lights, lightning rod; and
- Installation of electrical including new wiring, splicing and breaker.

All requirements under FAA Advisory Circular 150/5345-12E, "Specifications for Airport and Heliport Beacons" must be adhered to during the procurement and installation of this equipment.

Furthermore, included in the work is the removal and complete disposal of the existing tower. Disposal site is the responsibility of the contractors but it must be located outside CPA's property.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

A walk-through inspection will be conducted on **Friday, September 25, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.** in order to assess the area and determine equipment and materials needed for the installation. Attendance at this walkthrough is mandatory for any companies interested in submitting proposals. Prospective proposers will meet at the office of the Tinian Ports Manager at the Tinian International Airport on the date and time mentioned above.

The contract period for design and replacement will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2009.**

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: September 15, 2009

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
October 9, 2009

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to that certain **Writ of Execution on Personal Property** by the **CNMI Superior Court in Civil Action No. 04-0588C**, the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA"), **together with assistance of the CNMI Department of Public Safety**, shall auction off to the highest bidder **assets of Wespac Freight including office furniture, equipments and various other items.**

An inventory listing may be obtained at CDA Office, Gualo Rai or on our website at www.cda.gov.mp, photos are available online.

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **Wespac Freight Parking Lot, Lower Base, Saipan on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**;
4. Terms of the sale are cash, certified check, or credit card (Visa & Mastercard); and
5. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from site. Payment must be received before end of business day, 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void.

CDA is attempting to collect a debt and any payments received will be used for that purpose. Any interested party or person may contact Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, Loan Manager, CDA at 234-7145 for further information or to inspect the items. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer. All sales are final.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2009

Commonwealth Development Authority
/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) TRAINING FACILITY
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-012-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for the renovation and expansion of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

*Note: The selected consultant will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the Site Evaluation services for the ARFF Training Facility improvements being advertised concurrently.*

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009.**

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
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/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO
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Date: September 18, 2009

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Tinian Harbor Improvements
CPA-TS-001-09

2nd AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals to repair certain features to the dock at the Tinian Harbor. A detailed scope of work will be available at the office of the Executive Office on Thursday, September 3, 2009.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for Improvements at the Tinian Harbor, CPA-TS-001-09".*** The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

*Note: An amendment is made to the scope of work, under the section of **"Construction/Modification Works"**, whereas the contractor will be responsible for installation ONLY of the fenders. However, mounting hardware will be the responsibility of the contractor and should be included in the proposal.*

Procurement of fenders will be made by Mobil Oil Micronesia. Contractor will also consult with Mobil Oil Micronesia on the tie down requirements, such as chain and shackles.

Questions will be accepted until October 2, 2009 and are to be submitted in writing to the office of the Executive Director or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at ~~10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2009~~ at the office of the Tinian Ports Manager at the Tinian International Airport. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: October 1, 2009

Life & Style

ESPN video case shows holes in hotel security

NEW YORK (AP)—The hotel industry is reexamining guest privacy safeguards in light of the case of an ESPN reporter who was videotaped nude through the peephole of her hotel room door, allegedly by a man who reserved an adjacent room.

"This is a wakeup call for the hotel industry," said Peter Greenberg, author of "Hotel Secrets from the Travel Detective" and CBS travel editor.

Court papers say Michael D. Barrett requested and received a hotel room adjacent to ESPN reporter Erin Andrews at the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University. Barrett then allegedly jimmied the peephole of Andrews' hotel door, shot the videos and uploaded them to the Internet.

Until now, requests for adjacent rooms have been handled inconsistently throughout the hotel industry. If you ask for a room next to another guest, some hotels will call the other guest for consent, but many will simply go ahead and book it without confirming with the other party.

Andrews

"There is no consistent policy within individual brands or across the industry," said John Burns, president of Hospitality Technology Consulting in Scottsdale, Ariz. "It is in the hotel industry's cultural DNA to attempt to satisfy guests' 'adjacent room' or 'connecting room' requests."

Such requests are not uncommon from extended families, tour participants and individuals traveling together for work or conventions. "It would not be unusual for a guest who affirmatively seems to know that another guest is registered to ask to be placed adjacent or near another guest and for that request to be honored," said Bjorn Hansen, a professor at New York University's Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management.

But Burns said "given the recent focus on this issue, I expect that policies related to handling this request are under consideration both at the property and brand level."

Joe McInerney, CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, confirmed that his organization "sent an advisory to our members asking them to review all their guest privacy procedures and all of their security procedures to make sure their staff are doing everything they should be doing."

Another issue raised by the ESPN stalking case is how to stop peeping toms. An online company called PeepHole Security reported a recent surge of inquiries about interior covers for peepholes, including orders from individuals, hotels, and motels.

"Every chain, regardless of size, is going to use this to re-evaluate their procedures and whether or not they feel like the peepholes in their rooms are adequate and tamperproof.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **MARVIN A. ADA,** Defendant. — **Civil Action No. 09-0256** — **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE–NAMED DEFENDANT MARVIN A. ADA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOUR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O> Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 30 day of Sept, 2009

/s/ Berndita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **MELINDA T. TAKAI,** Defendant. — **Civil Action No. 09-0264** — **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE–NAMED DEFENDANT MARVIN A. ADA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOUR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 5th day of August, 2009

/s/ Berndita A. Sablan
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR SITE EVALUATION SERVICES

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) TRAINING FACILITY
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-011-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Site Evaluation Services.

The general scope of work is for site evaluation services of the existing facility for the development of design parameters and a scope of work to be used for Architectural/Engineering Design work to follow for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

*Note: The selected consultant will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the Architectural/Engineering Design services for the ARFF Training Facility improvements being advertised concurrently.*

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
2. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants;
3. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
4. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2009.**

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually & dba CASA DE FELIPE and, ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG, Defendants. — Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-2**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, Containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before and specific property is struck off, without incurring and liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 2357147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auctions sale. All payments much be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change of changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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PUBLICE NOTICE OF HEARING

The following Non-resident workers and Employer is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetnas Building, San Antonio Saipan for a hearing to address the matter of the complaint. This notice will serve as a "Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing". For information, please contact Investigator Jeffrey T. Camacho at 236-0900 ext. 275.

Employee	Employer	Case Number	Date/Time
Wang, Lili	Huang Zheng Corp.	CAC#09-243-07	10/20/09 @ 1:00 pm
Huang, Quan	Huang Zheng Corp.	CAC#09-243-07	10/20/09 @ 1:00 pm
Lin, Anshu	Huang Zheng Corp.	CAC#09-243-07	10/20/09 @ 1:00 pm
Wang, Meng	Huang Zheng Corp.	CAC#09-243-07	10/20/09 @ 1:00 pm
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Failure to appear at your scheduled hearing shall be grounds for default and may result in the referral of affected worker to the Division of Immigration for their action and sanction against the employer.

Date this 16th day of September 2009.

Jeffrey T. Camacho
Director of Labor/Designee

AP: Anna Nicole Smith investigated in murder plot

MIAMI (AP)—The FBI investigated whether Anna Nicole Smith plotted to kill her tycoon husband's son as they battled for his father's fortune, newly released files show, but the former Playboy Playmate who died in 2007 was never prosecuted.

Smith's FBI records, obtained exclusively by The Associated Press, say the agency investigated Smith in 2000 and 2001 in a murder-for-hire plot targeting E. Pierce Marshall, who was at the center of a long legal fight to keep the starlet, model and stripper from collecting his father's oil wealth, valued in the hundreds of millions. The younger Marshall died three years ago of natural causes.

Smith

The documents released under the Freedom of Information Act depict an investigation going on as the fight raged over J. Howard Marshall II's estate. Vast sections of the 100 pages of released materials—a fraction of Smith's full FBI file—are whited out, and no evidence of her involvement in such a plot is detailed.

There is no indication how authorities became aware of any alleged scheme, but agents interviewed Smith on July 3, 2000. Told why she was being questioned, "Smith began crying and denied ever making such plans," a report said.

Smith told agents that killing Pierce Marshall would not have made sense because her ex-husband's money would still be tied up in a trust, and because she believed the court battle over the fortune was nearly over, the report states. She told agents she believed the story about the plot was made up by a former lover angry that she broke off their relationship, according to the files.

"Smith adamantly denied ever contemplating such a crime," an agent wrote, and prosecutors eventually agreed the case could not go forward. An April 26, 2001 letter to the FBI from Sally Meloch, an assistant U.S. attorney, said she reviewed the reports but "determined that there is insufficient evidence to establish that there was a murder-for-hire plot by Ms. Smith to kill Pierce Marshall."

Reached at her Los Angeles office on Tuesday, Meloch didn't recall the case, but said, "Any investigations that we didn't proceed with, we couldn't comment on anyway."

An attorney for Smith's estate, Kent Richland, was surprised by the allegations.

"I have not heard anything about that," he said.

An attorney for the Marshall estate, including for the younger Marshall's widow, said he couldn't immediately comment.

In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of the late

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Wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all our relatives & friends, from near and far, for your kind expression of love, sympathy, prayers, personal assistance & support during our time of sorrow in the passing of our beloved Eddie into the caring hands of our Creator.

We extend special thanks to Bishop Tomas A. Camacho and his clergy, Tan Ko Palacios, Techa Auntie Beck S.Tenorio, Margaret T. Flores and family, Evelyn F. Diaz, Alice Leon Guerrero and Carlene Hofschneider, Borja Funeral Home, Margaret T. Cabrera and the Amazing Grace Choir, Mike Fleming and Felix Sablan, Governor Ben Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy Inos, Mayor's Office, JuanPan/Camacho team, Heinz/Arnold team. Most especially to Dr. Chad Lowe, CHC – ER and ICU staff for doing everything you could to help our dearly beloved Eddie during his last days and hours of his life.

And to all of our family and friends, too numerous to mention, who in one way or another contributed and showed your support during our time of grief. Your kindness and love will forever be treasured as we keep you close to our hearts.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay,
Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

THE FAMILY

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of the late

Victoria Santos Borja Aguon

Wish to extend our deepest and warmest appreciation to all our relatives and friends from near and far, for the genuine compassion you showed us during our greatest and most painful time of sorrow. Your thoughtful prayers, comfort, and unending support and other considerate acts of grace did much to calm the aches in our hearts and may time lessen our pain as memories gently turn tears to smiles. We acknowledged and cherished the time you devoted to us. Your kindness has touched us all and we will forever remember you.

We extend our special thanks to His Excellency Bishop Thomas A. Camacho, Fr. Noli Alparce, Fr. Ray Rosal, Fr. Celso Magbanua, Kristo Rai Altar Servers, Kantaye Kristo Rai Choir & Salas Familia Choir, Mrs. Marilyn P. Jones (Techa), Dr. Joel Smith, CHC Doctors and Nurses.

May God continue to Bless us all.

Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase
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Letterman threw spitballs from his own glass house

NEW YORK (AP)—Some of the politicians zinged by David Letterman over the years for their indiscretions are offering pity and advice for the scandalized talk show host.

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford says Letterman could benefit from his confession that he had affairs with women who worked on the "Late Show." And former Florida Rep. Mark Foley says, "I feel sorry for Dave—I take no glee."

Most of Letterman's targets who were approached by The Associated Press refrained from jeering at his plight—or saying anything at all.

But Sanford sent Letterman warm wishes.

"Both my thoughts and my prayers are with him," he said Tuesday after a speaking engagement at a Rotary Club meeting in Easley, S.C.

In June, Sanford seemed fair game for comedy after he disappeared from the state (and his wife) for a five-day rendezvous with an Argentine woman he called his soul mate.

The governor "didn't really enjoy this year's Fourth of July. He left his favorite firecracker in Argentina," Letterman joked soon after.

"There's a lot more introspection and soul-searching on the way down than there is on the way up," said Sanford, who is under investigation by South Carolina's Ethics Commission, in addressing his woes as well as Letterman's. "He can be a better person for it."

Letterman, like many comedians, feasted on the disgrace of Foley, whose political career was ruined in 2006 by a scandal involving salacious e-mails he sent to underage teens.

"How about that Florida Congressman Mark Foley?" cracked Letterman at the time. "Whoa! At least the Democrats wait until the interns are 18."

On Tuesday, Foley, now a talk-radio host in Florida, voiced concern for Letterman's 5-year-old son, Harry, and for the child's mother, Regina Lasko, whom Letterman married in March after many years together.

"You hope that somewhere along the way," continued Foley, "somebody feels their heart beat and says, 'God, but for the grace of God, there go I,' and they say, 'You, know, this isn't funny anymore.'"

In March 2008, Letterman was taking potshots at Eliot Spitzer, then governor of New York, who was embroiled in an investigation into a high-end prostitution operation.

"It's so sunny and bright outside that, earlier today, Eliot Spitzer came out of a brothel squinting," Letterman cracked in a monologue.

But in Spitzer's case, he didn't stop at lampooning. During an indignant rant, he called for the scandalized governor to step down.

"I mean, can you imagine," said Letterman, "if this happened to me how fast they'd have my ... (backside) out of here?"

AP

In this Jan. 17, 2008 file photo, television talk show host David Letterman walks out of The Ed Sullivan Theater during a taping of "The Late Show with David Letterman", in New York.

Unlike Spitzer, who resigned, Letterman seems secure in his job as host of CBS' "Late Show," nearly a week after his bombshell revelations of having had sex with women on his staff (a disclosure prompted by an alleged $2 million blackmail threat against him).

But considering his acknowledgment of past "creepy" behavior, it's kind of creepy to revisit a joke such as this one from a March 2008 show: "Let me ask you a question. Do you think it's too soon to be hitting on Mrs. Eliot Spitzer?"

In another monologue, Letterman tweaked Sen. David Vitter, a Louisiana Republican whose telephone number was found in 2007 among those called by an escort service that prosecutors said was a call girl ring.

Vitter "admitted he's been dating prostitutes," said Letterman. "And he was very generous with one girl: He paid her with a new highway project in her home state."

Perhaps Vitter, like many other embarrassed politicians, had set himself up for ridicule. But hasn't Letterman set himself up for payback, now?

Vitter chose not to return fire at Letterman's glass house.

So did former U.S. Sen. Gary Hart, whose run for the presidency was derailed by a sex scandal in 1987 and who became the butt of many of Letterman's jokes.

"Big weekend for Gary Hart," Letterman grinned when the Hart scandal broke: "He was campaigning his brains out."

Chris Smith, Hart's spokeswoman at the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs, said Hart had no comment.

Letterman has made comic hay of the troubles of Larry Craig, a former U.S. senator from Idaho who in 2007 was arrested by an undercover police officer conducting a sting operation against men cruising for sex at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Noting that Craig was nabbed in an airport men's room, Letterman said, it "gives new meaning to the word 'caucusing.'"

Fashion, celebrity photographer Irving Penn dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Irving Penn, whose photographs revealed a taste for stark simplicity whether he was shooting celebrity portraits, fashion, still life or remote places of the world, died Wednesday at his Manhattan home. He was 92.

The death was announced by his photo assistant, Roger Krueger. "He never stopped working," said Peter MacGill, a longtime friend whose Pace-MacGill Galleries in Manhattan represented Penn's work. "He would go back to similar subjects and never see them the same way twice."

Penn, who constantly explored the photographic medium and its boundaries, typically preferred to isolate his subjects—from fashion models to Aborigine tribesmen—from their natural settings to photograph them in a studio against a stark background. He believed the studio could most closely capture their true natures.

Between 1964 and 1971, he completed seven such projects, his subjects ranging from New Guinea mud men to San Francisco hippies.

Penn also had a fascination with still life and produced a dramatic range of images that challenged the traditional idea of beauty, giving dignity to such subjects as cigarette butts, decaying fruit and discarded clothing. A 1977 show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art presented prints of trash rescued from Manhattan streets and photographed, lovingly, against plain backgrounds.

"Photographing a cake can be art," he said at the 1953 opening of his studio, where he continued to produce commercial and gallery work into the 21st century.

Penn's most recent work was a series of still-life photos made of ceramics that he and his wife had collected in Europe. "They were as dynamic and as powerful as anything he had done in his 70-year career," MacGill said.

Thirteen of Penn's photographs are being auctioned Thursday at Christie's, including "Guedras in the Wind," a 1971 image of two Moroccan women, with an estimated pre-sale price of $40,000 to $60,000. A Penn photo, "Cuzco Children," sold for $529,000 last year, including an auction house premium of 20 percent.

AP

In this 1960s image released by the Irving Penn Studio, photographer Irving Penn is shown.

Penn's career began in the 1940s as a fashion photographer for Vogue, and he continued to contribute to the magazine for decades thereafter.

He stumbled into the job almost by accident, when he abandoned his early ambition to become a painter and took a position as a designer in the magazine's art department in 1943. Staff photographers balked at his unorthodox layout ideas, and a supervisor asked him to photograph a cover design.

The resulting image, on the Oct. 1, 1943, cover of Vogue, was a striking still-life showing a brown leather bag, a beige scarf, gloves, oranges and lemons arranged in the shape of a pyramid.

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, vs. ANTONIO S. CAMACHO, ELPHIDIA MSP.CAMACHO, CNMI DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0588C

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, having reschedule the earlier noticed auction, hereby give notice that all of the rights, title, and interest of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphidia MSP. Camacho, jointly and severally, in the following described, leases of real property situated at the Commercial port of Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

25 Year Ground Lease (File No. 88-348)
- dated November 25, 1986
- between Antonio Salas Camacho and the Commonwealth Ports Authority
- of the certain tract parcel of and situated at the Commercial Ports, designated as **Lot No. 032 E 03**, containing an area of 5,043 square meters, (54,264.176 square feet), including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The rescheduled auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**

2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.

3. Right and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:

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c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O.BOX 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax:234-7256.

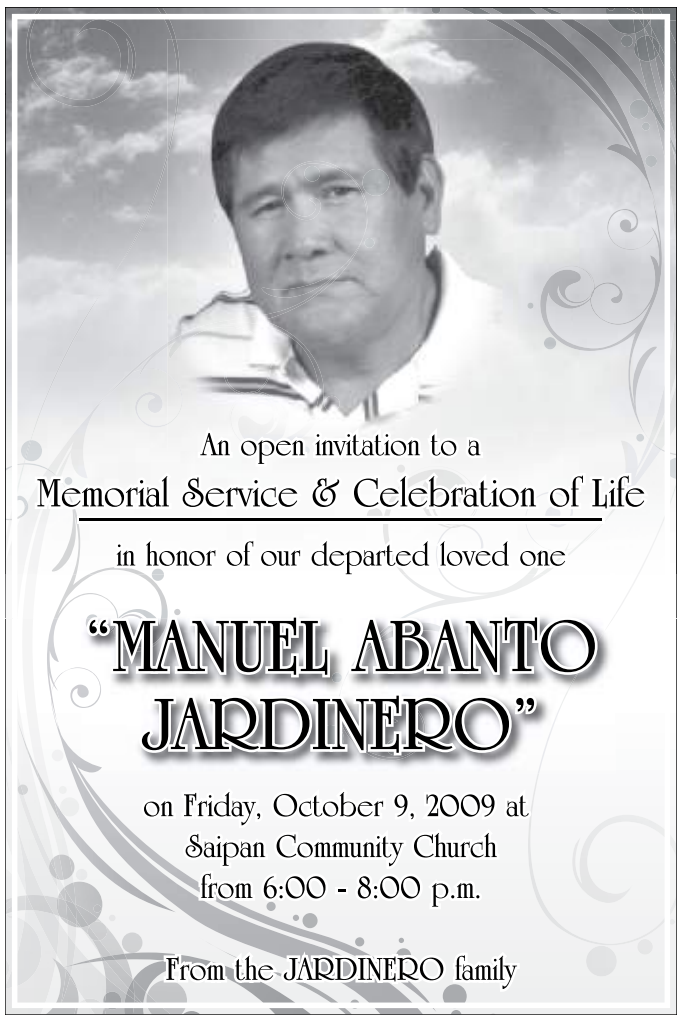
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the lease, title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphidia MSP. Camacho in the lease and property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the lease or real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety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'Couples Retreat' is far from paradise

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Couples Retreat" suggests what life might have been like if the guys from "Swingers" had grown up, moved to the suburbs and turned into lame, sitcommy cliches.

Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn team up again, on screen and on the script (along with Dana Fox), for this broad comedy about four couples who go on a tropical vacation together.

In theory, they're all there to support their friends Jason (Jason Bateman) and Cynthia (Kristen Bell) as they try to save their marriage through the couples' counseling the resort offers. Little do they know they'll get sucked into agonizing therapy sessions that reveal their own rifts. For example: Vaughn's character, Dave, doesn't care about picking out tile to redo the kitchen. His wife, Ronnie (Malin Akerman), does. It's a laugh riot if you think Paul Reiser's "Couplehood" is funny—and we haven't even gotten to their painfully cute young son whose defining personality trait is urinating and pooping in inappropriate places.

Under the direction of Peter Billingsley (Ralphie from "A Christmas Story"), another longtime Vaughn friend and collaborator making his first feature, "Couples Retreat" veers back and forth in a jarring way between crude sexual humor and supposedly poignant moments. The couples endure forced nudity and a wildly erotic yoga class; Favreau's character, Joey, and his wife, Lucy (Kristin Davis), who married right after high school, each try to get it on with their respective massage therapists. But all must also bare their souls, which feels wedged-in and unconvincing compared to the proliferation of physical humor.

Faizon Love rounds out the group as the divorced Shane, who brings along his 20-year-old girlfriend, Trudy (Kali Hawk), a shrill party girl who likes to call him "Daddy" and pour hot wax on his naked chest.

Each of these characters is exactly the same person the whole way through, until one night when they all magically experience an epiphany that makes them more communicative, patient and loving.

AP

In this film publicity image released by Universal Pictures, Carlos Ponce, left, Vince Vaughn, center, and Malin Akerman are shown in a scene from "Couples Retreat."

During such moments, a distracting, feel-good score—surprisingly from "Slumdog Millionaire" Oscar-winner A.R. Rahman—pipes in early and often.

"Couples Retreat" makes fun of the people who run the place, including the New Age-y mastermind, Monsieur Marcel (Jean Reno in a braided tail and a Speedo), and the condescending concierge, Sctanley (Peter Serafinowicz)—spelled with a "c." But ultimately it embraces the very lessons the resort is trying to teach. It also finds time for a little shameless product placement along the way: an extended ad for "Guitar Hero," right as the movie is approaching its big, revelatory climax.

A few funny lines and ideas emerge here and there—the rigid Jason's fondness for PowerPoint presentations is vaguely amusing—but "Couples Retreat" mostly feels repetitive and overlong at nearly two hours. You wouldn't mind getting voted off this island.

"Couples Retreat," a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13 on appeal for sexual content and language. Running time: 110 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested, licensed companies in the Commonwealth to provide ground maintenance services for its properties in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan and at its Field Office in San Jose Village, Tinian, beginning Monday, September 21, 2009, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Field Office located in the Juan King Building in San Jose Village on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.. Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the housing subdivision and other properties owned by NMHC to be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference and site visits are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements, and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC-ITB09-005**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m., local time October 19, 2009**. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, October 19, 2009**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 19, 2009**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **October 28, 2009**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **8:00 a.m., local time, October 29, 2009**. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m., local time on October 19, 2009.**

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC.

The Commonwealth Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined by the government to be in its best interest. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government.

For information, call the NMHC Office in Tinian at 433-9213 or the Central Office in Garapan Saipan, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/
MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
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Synopsis
What was Mark Whitacre thinking? A rising star at agri-industry giant Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Whitacre suddenly turns whistleblower. Even as he exposes his company's multi-national price-fixing conspiracy to the FBI, Whitacre envisions himself being hailed as a hero of the common man and handed a promotion. But before all that can happen, the FBI needs evidence, so Whitacre eagerly agrees to wear a wire and carry a hidden tape recorder in his briefcase, imagining himself as a kind of de facto secret agent.

I Can Do Bad All By Myself

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Taraji P. Henson, Adam Rodriguez
Comedy, Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
When Madea, a pistol-packing grandma, catches sixteen-year-old Jennifer and her two younger brothers looting her home, she decides to take matters into her own hands and delivers the young delinquents to the only relative they have: their aunt April. A heavy-drinking nightclub singer who lives off of Raymond, her married boyfriend, April wants nothing to do with the kids. But her attitude begins to change when Sandino, a handsome Mexican immigrant looking for work, moves into April's basement room.

Fame

Friday		4:10	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:10	7:05	9:35
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Paul Iacono, Kristy Flores
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Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell
Thriller, Sci-Fi • Rated PG 13

Pandorum

Friday		4:00	7:00	10:00
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
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Dennis Quaid, Ben Foster
Action, Thriller • Rated R

And I Love You So

Friday		4:25	7:20	9:30
Saturday	1:30	4:25	7:20	9:30
Sunday	1:30	4:25	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:25	7:20	

Bea Alonzo, Derek Ramsay
Drama, Romance • NR

All About Steve

Friday		4:20	7:15	9:55
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Sandra Bullock, Bradley Cooper
Comedy • Rated PG 13

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Mom's internet sleuthing gives daughter the creeps

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I have become alarmed by my mother's recent habit of "Googling" people. She digs up things about my friends and calls to report them to me. The list of those she has researched on the Internet ranges from friends I haven't talked to in years, to an ex-boyfriend of hers against whom she filed a restraining order.

This isn't the first time she has searched for information on people. I find it downright creepy. She claims she's doing it to "protect her daughters from Internet stalkers." But the problem is, SHE'S the one stalking people on the Internet. Often they aren't even people she knows well or was ever friends with.

I'm concerned that this could lead to greater degrees of paranoia and controlling behavior—to which she is prone—and I am only seeing a small part of a much bigger problem. What do I do?

ALARMED IN ATLANTA

DEAR ALARMED: You can't stop your mother from trolling the Internet, which contains enormous amounts of information on just about everybody. You can, however, stop your mother from trying to control your life by "sharing" the results of her searches.

The most direct way to do it would be to tell her when she calls with her latest "news flash" that you're not interested and don't want to hear it. If she persists, tell her you're too busy to talk right now and get off the phone. Your mother may be paranoid, but she can only be controlling if you allow it.

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DEAR ABBY: I met the most amazing guy. He's in grad school, has a job, his own home, loves music, movies and good food—he can even cook.

We exchanged phone numbers, and I was excited about finally meeting a man who could be "the one." And then he casually dropped a bomb on me: He told me he has herpes. I thought he was kidding, but he said: "I live stress-free, so I never break out. Herpes is no big deal."

He left voicemails asking if we can go out on a date soon, and I had to tell him I just couldn't date someone with herpes. My male friends support me, so why do I feel so guilty about this? Is it wrong of me not to date someone because of his STD status?

FEELING MISERABLE IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR FEELING MISERABLE: I don't think so. And it was OK to be honest about your feelings, so stop feeling guilty. While herpes isn't life-threatening, it is NOT "no big deal." And while the young man in your letter may "never break out," the virus is shed all the time. That's how the disease is spread, and it is widespread. If you need more information, I recommend you discuss this with your OB/GYN or visit the Web site of ASHA (American Social Health Association) at www.ashastd.org.

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DEAR ABBY: After we laid my mother-in-law to rest, my wife discovered a box of letters her parents had written to each other. Her father was stationed overseas during WWII.

My wife is agonizing over whether to read them or destroy them. Because her mother's passing was unexpected, no instructions were made. Should my wife read them as a way to share the experiences of my in-laws' love for each other or consider them so private they are inviolable?

STUCK FOR AN ANSWER IN OHIO

DEAR STUCK: Reading them might give your wife new insight into her parents, the challenges they faced and an opportunity to view them in the bloom of their youth. They could also be historically significant. That said, however, if she thinks her mother would have preferred that the letters be destroyed, she should follow her conscience.

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Father of Palin's grandson to pose for Playgirl

AP

In this July 9, 2009 file photo, Levi Johnston, 19, is seen during a news conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Levi Johnston is going for the ultimate exposure—his bare body.

Posing nude for Playgirl is next for the 19-year-old father of Sarah Palin's grandchild. Johnston's attorney, Rex Butler, said Wednesday that a formal agreement has not been reached with the online magazine but adds it's a "foregone conclusion" it will happen.

Johnston fathered a child with Bristol, the 18-year-old daughter of Sarah Palin, the former Republican vice presidential candidate and former Alaska governor.

To get ready for his close-up, Johnston is training three hours a day, six nights a week at an Anchorage gym with a local body builder, Marvin Jones, a former Mr. Alaska competitor.

Playgirl spokesman Vincent Stevens could not immediately be reached for comment.

Alicia Keys gets down to business

NEW YORK (AP)—Alicia Keys has influenced many lives with her soulful, heartaching piano-driven songs for almost a decade.

Now that the 12-time Grammy winner has established herself as one of music's brightest stars, Keys is ready to inspire others—without singing a tune.

Keys is launching AK Worldwide, a new company that will handle the singer's projects, especially those outside of music.

"It really explores the ways I can affect the world in a positive way, even outside of music," Keys said in an interview Tuesday.

"It is really about finding ways to bring forth things into the world that will give you and all the people that encounter them, and myself, inspiration," she said.

The first project for the 28-year-old is The Barber's Daughters, a handcrafted jewelry line engraved with messages of hope and wisdom.

"The words, when you read them, they really do resonate with you. They kind of inspire you to want to find that place in yourself," she said, sporting a silver oval ring that read: "May you find inspiration and meaning soaked in the wonders of the imagination cradled in compassion of the heart and hold a will to make difference."

Keys also will launch a new Web site, iamasuperwoman.com, devoted to spotlighting inspirational women and causes that will fill a missing gap in the blogosphere, Keys said.

AP

Recording artist Alicia Keys is photographed in New York on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009.

"It really calls out to all those brilliant, amazing, fantastic women every day that are doing their thing and need kind of a community to support each other," she said.

Keys said the creativity required to be a businesswoman has spilled over to her music, and that it's reflected on her fourth studio CD, "The Element of Freedom," to be released Dec. 1.

"We have the ability to be totally free, to be totally unstoppable, and there's no heights that you can't reach," Keys said. "So I totally love that and that's what the music feels like, and that's what everything that I'm doing sounds like."

The lead single, "Doesn't Mean Anything," teaches people that having success is unimportant unless there's someone to share it with, Keys said.

The next single, "Try Sleeping With a Broken Heart," is "mean, mean, mean," she said.

The CD finds Keys working again with her musical partner, Crucial Keys, and producer Jeff Bhasker, who recently produced tracks on the latest albums from Jay-Z and Kanye West.

Keys credits Oprah Winfrey and other business-minded people with turning on her entrepreneurial spirit.

"Why do I love Oprah? Because she's able to bring you things that will really change your life," Keys said. "They're part of your life in a meaningful way, and those are the things I want to be a part of."

Nick Nolte's son, Brawley Nolte, arrested

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Santa Monica police say actor Nick Nolte's son has been arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

Sgt. Jay Trisler says 23-year-old Brawley Nolte was driving north on Pacific Coast Highway Tuesday afternoon when he made a lane change and struck a vehicle in front of him.

Officers called to the scene believed Nolte had been driving while impaired. Trisler says Nolte was arrested following a series of sobriety tests. He was freed after posting $5,000 bail.

Trisler did not immediately return a message seeking comment on whether Brawley Nolte has an attorney.

Brawley Nolte portrayed Mel Gibson's kidnapped son in the 1996 film "Ransom."

Nick Nolte pleaded no contest in 2002 to a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence of drugs.

No charges over Mel Gibson DUI report leaks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Prosecutors have declined to press charges against the sheriff's deputy who arrested Mel Gibson three years ago, citing a lack of proof he leaked details about the case.

The case against Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy James Mee was closed in July, according to a nine-page charge evaluation worksheet first obtained Wednesday by the Los Angeles Times.

AP

In this Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008 file picture, actor Mel Gibson arrives at the Gaiety Theatre for the 5th Annual Irish Film and Television Academy Awards, Dublin, Ireland where he received the Outstanding Contribution to World Cinema Award.

Mee had been the target of investigations into whether he leaked his report about Gibson's report, including details about the actor's anti-Semitic tirade. Prosecutors found that the leaks were criminal, but that they couldn't be tied to Mee.

The celebrity Web site TMZ.com first posted details about Gibson's rants after his 2006 arrest on suspicion of drunken driving. A judge on Tuesday agreed to expunge the "Braveheart" actor and director's drunken driving conviction after he successfully completed the terms of his probation.

Records obtained by investigators showed that there were calls between Mee's residence and TMZ's founder, Harvey Levin, but that it was impossible to say who made the calls on Mee's end of the line.

Sheriff's detectives presented their case to prosecutors in February 2008, but it wasn't until this summer that Deputy James Mee's financial records were reviewed. No improper payments to Mee, his wife or daughter were found.

Levin denied to investigators that he paid anyone at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for info contained in his site's reports, which dramatically raised its prominence.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

IT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING! AN INNOCENT MISTAKE! LET ME EXPLAIN!
CALVIN, LISTEN CLOSELY. LOCKING ROSALYN OUT OF THE HOUSE WASN'T JUST MEAN, IT WAS DANGEROUS. IF YOU'D HURT YOURSELF OR IF THERE WAS A FIRE, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP YOU.
YOU GO APOLOGIZE TO ROSALYN RIGHT NOW.
I-I'M SORRY, ROSALYN.
AND WE'RE SORRY TOO. I PROMISE YOU CALVIN WILL BEHAVE HIMSELF NEXT TIME.
AN EXTRA FIVE WOULD HELP THERE BE A NEXT TIME.
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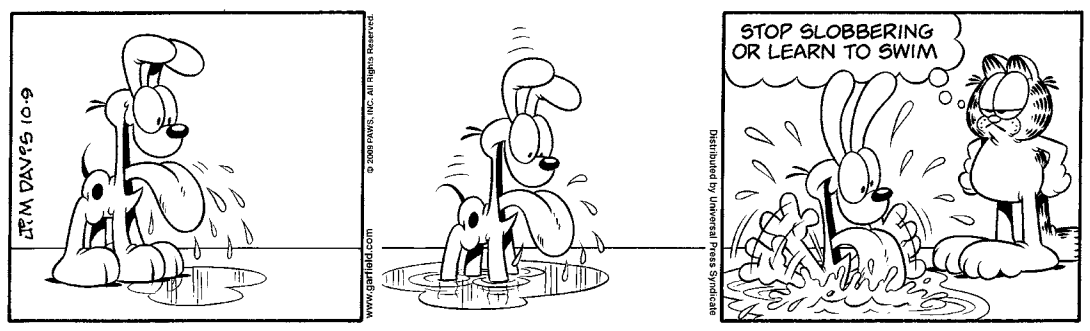
By Jim Davis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Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

MOMMY!
WE MISSED YOU!
WELL, I MISSED YOU, TOO!
WERE THOSE FIRE ENGINES OUT FRONT? AND CHANNEL 4 TV CAMERAS?
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, HONEY. LET'S GET YOU UNPACKED AND NOT WATCH THE NEWS.
THAT'S AN ODD THING TO SAY.
IS IT? HERE. PUT ON THIS BLINDFOLD FOR A WHILE.
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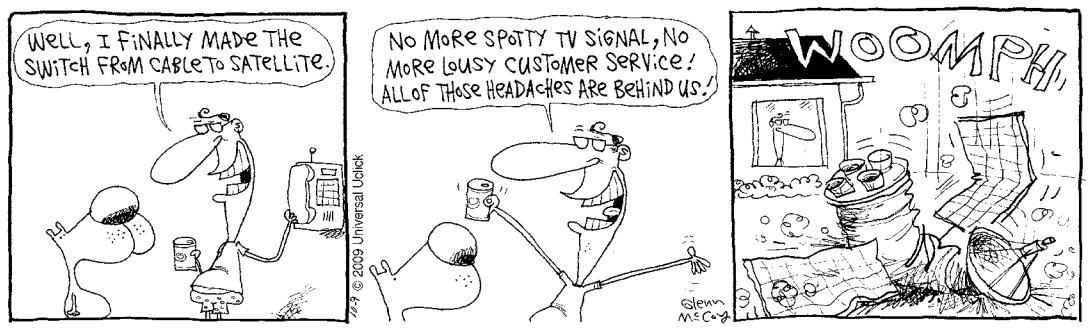
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Army rank
6 Huge
9 Matterhorn, for one
12 Eat away
13 Tramcar contents
14 Knightly address
15 Trapshooting
16 "Alas!"
18 Motivated
20 Urban fleet
21 Tackle moguls
23 Listening device
24 Wheels of fortune?
25 Scull lineup
27 Hosiery fabric
29 Large constrictor
31 Zeroes
35 Precise
37 Campbell's product
38 Analyze
41 "— Wiedersehen"
43 Greek H
44 Undo a dele
45 Followed
47 Slight footing
49 Staffordshire ceramicware
52 Shade provider
53 Latin 101 word
54 Norton's workplace
55 In medias —
56 Supporting
57 Meddler

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1 Month (Sp.)
2 Deluge refuge
3 2001 David Spade movie
4 Baltic Sea feeder
5 Fix a stubborn knot
6 Section of NYC, with "The"
7 Unyielding
8 "Golly!"
9 Black tea of India
10 People will bend over backward to do it
11 Fourth estate
17 Cupcake enhancements
19 Woman of letters?
21 Bribe
22 Bandleader Kyser
24 Singer Rawls
26 Scabbard
28 Yoga position
30 Anti-acne brand
32 Square-dance party
33 Historic boy king
34 Resort
36 Frankness
38 Autumn bloom
39 Filched
40 Appears to be
42 Persnickety
45 Ticklish Muppet
46 Duel tool
48 Lummox
50 P.I.
51 Geologic period

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 10-9

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Happy Birthday: Focus on what you are trying to accomplish this year not what others are doing to stand in your way or upset your world. This year will set the stage for the future. Stick to your plans and maintain your standards. Your strength and determination will set you apart. Your numbers are 2, 8, 16, 21, 29, 35, 47

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Communication will be the key and offering help will be your way into a group or cause that can benefit you. An emotional attack will be due to jealousy and must be ignored in order to stop matters from getting worse. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Offer something you enjoy doing as a hobby to others and you will have a small sideline business that can compensate you financially. Get someone you love involved and you will enjoy the work even more. A long-time goal can now be accomplished. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Stay cool and refuse to let anyone upset your day. As long as you can concentrate on what needs to be done, everything will work itself out. Peace of mind is more important than buying someone's love or attention. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll have a hard time keeping a lid on your emotions. Someone will test your patience and cause you to make poor choices. Added responsibilities will be dumped on you if you give in to demands. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take care of business and any additional challenges that can bring you greater respect. A partnership will open up with someone you've wanted to be with for a long time. A memory will illumine an old goal you never fulfilled. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll have to put up with unexpected changes. Don't let this lead you astray or cause you to miss out on something you want to do. Your involvement in something you find interesting will lead to a moneymaking opportunity. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): A trip will come with surprises, delays and some unusual results but you will have the information and experience you require. Your intuition is dead-on and must be followed in order to avoid an emotional encounter. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take a look at your expenses and adjust your spending habits to fit your current budget. A deal that sounds too good to be true is and should be avoided regardless of what everyone else does. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll have to face the music instead of running away from controversy. You may have to hurt someone's feelings and be truthful about the way you feel or see a certain situation. Someone from your past will have encouraging words. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Love is on the rise and romance should be worked into your plans. You can mix business with pleasure and come out on top, both professionally and personally. Rely on your past experience to make the right choice now. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't rule out the possibility of taking on an added responsibility if it will help you work your way into something you've been longing to do. A love relationship isn't likely to go the way you want. Don't get upset; move on. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't let melodrama take over and ruin your day. Not everyone is going to be in sync with you. Take a pass if you don't want to do something. It's better to go your own way than to do something begrudgingly. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are hard-headed and a perfectionist. You are a strong contender and take leadership seriously.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/08

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening date: September 18, 2009 **Closing date: October 23, 2009**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancies:

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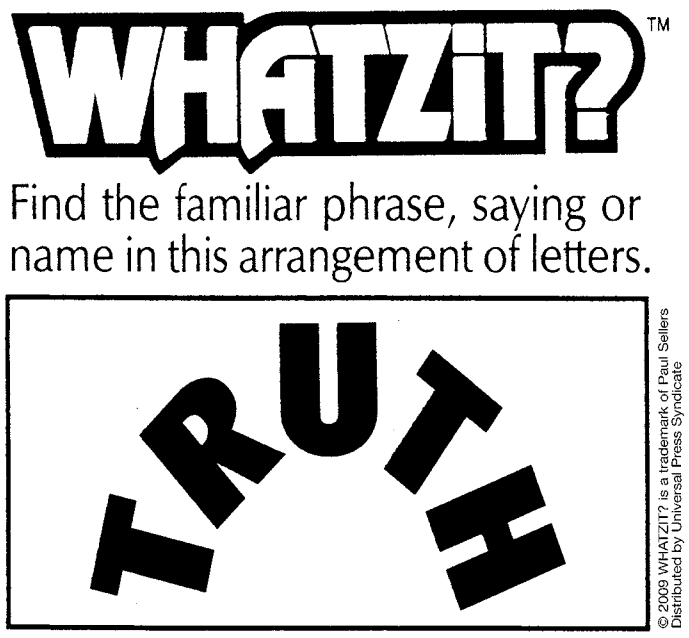
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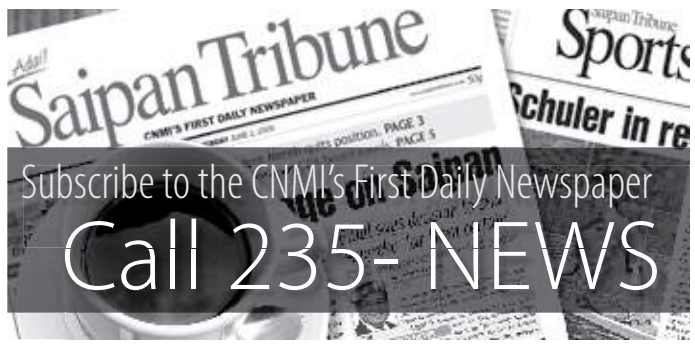

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A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held at 10:00 Am, October 14, 2009 in the Commissioner of Education's Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Proposals shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"RFP 09-023—"Grants Writing Services"** containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than 10:30 AM on October 20, 2009. Any proposal submitted after this date and time will not be accepted.

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NOTICE OF CLOSURE APPEALS CASES
Friday, October 2, 2009, First Notice
Friday, October 9, 2009, Second Notice

Each of the appeals listed below has been adjudicated and closed by the Department of Labor. In each case, this is a final agency action. All claims, including all claims for money damages, and all claims for eligibility for transfer, have been either adjudicated or dismissed. Any appellant or appellee listed below who has not been served personally with the Secretary's order adjudicating or dismissing case is now, as of the date of second publication of this notice, served with the order. A person served by means of this publication may obtain a copy of the Secretary's order from the Executive Secretary. A person whose claim has been dismissed by the Administrative Hearing Office has fifteen (15) days from the date of second notice in which to appeal the order. This publication does not affect any prior order served personally or by mail on any person.

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CAC 08-132-04	Del Barrio, Sol H.	
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Extension of Time to Transfer	Lai, Dong Gui (LIDS #122318)	
LC 08-039	Liu, Dong Fan	Smart Guy Company Limited
Extension of Time to Transfer	Lu, Qing He (LIDS #172946)	
PAT/NOB 08-752	Mirano, Eric C. (LIDS #158591)	
LC 09-090	Nam, Tai Nyun	
PAT/NOB 08-1924	Pabale, Rodolfo B. (LIDS #111564)	
Extension of Time to Transfer	Pang, Dan (LIDS #198141)	
PAT/NOB 1387	Serra, Cristina N. (LIDS #291120)	
Extension of Time to Transfer	Sun, Guang Fu (LIDS #283004)	
PAT/NOB 08-2404	Wu, Yan Yu (LIDS #193307)	

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PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the "Open Government Act." The Public School System State Board of Education, throught the Special Education State Advisory Panel (SESAP), and the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), are hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its 3rd Quarter meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. The ICC meeting is from 10am to 1pm, and the SESAP meeting is from 6pm to 9pm, at Pacific Islands Club, Napu room. This meeting is open to the public. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

ICC AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
   A. Welcome & Introduction
   B. Adoption of Agenda
   C. Adoption of Minutes December 17, 2008

II. Review and provide feedback on data to be included in the Annual Performance Report to be submitted in February, 2010

III. Discuss Outcome Summary Statements and CNMI Targets to be Included in the SPP, February 2010

IV. Discussion of Improvement Activities to be added, revised, deleted

V. Adjourment

SESAP AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
   A. Welcome & Introduction
   B. Adoption of Agenda
   C. Adoption of Minutes April 13, 2009

II. OSEP Determination Letter

III. Preliminary Data of APR/SPP to be submitted in February, 2010

IV. Summary Statement and Targets of Preschool's Outcome Measurement discussion and feedback of Transition Data

V. ARRA FUNDS

VI. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print, sign language or interpreter, must call 237-3029/19. Several days notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/s/ MARGARET ALDAN
ICC, Chairperson

/s/ FRANCES DIAZ
SESAP, Chairperson

/s/ Suzanne W. Lizama
Acting Coordinator
Special Education Program

Lee tosses 6-hitter as Phillies defeat Rockies

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Cliff Lee pitched like an ace instead of a postseason rookie. Lee dominated the Colorado Rockies, tossing a six-hitter, and the Philadelphia Phillies began their World Series title defense with a 5-1 victory in their playoff opener Wednesday.

Raul Ibanez had two hits and two RBIs, and Ryan Howard and Jayson Werth drove in runs with key extra-base hits off 15-game winner Ubaldo Jimenez.

Lee, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, struck out five and had no walks in his first career playoff start. He retired 16 straight batters at one point until Garrett Atkins hit a wind-blown double in the seventh. Lee lost his shutout when Troy Tulowitzki doubled in a run with two outs in the ninth.

Game 2 of the best-of-five NL division series is set for Thursday with Cole Hamels, last year's World Series and NLCS MVP, on the mound for the Phillies against Colorado's Aaron Cook.

Some questioned manager Charlie Manuel's decision to give Lee the ball over the playoff-tested Hamels for the first game. But Lee made his manager look brilliant with a masterful performance.

On a day when swirling winds made flyballs an adventure, Lee ignored the elements and shut down the NL's second-highest scoring offense. Avoiding the adventures that come with the Phillies bullpen, Lee mixed a deceptive fastball with off-speed pitches, had pinpoint accuracy and threw 113 pitches.

The hard-throwing Jimenez was equally impressive against the league's No. 1-scoring offense for four innings, but ran out of gas in the fifth. He got chased with no outs in the sixth after allowing nine hits and five runs in five-plus innings.

A sellout crowd of 46,452—the largest in the six-year history of Citizens Bank Park—rocked the ballpark, waving their white-and-red "Fightin' Phils" rally towels. The Phillies were 7-0 at home last October and set a franchise attendance record this season.

Werth, one of five All-Stars in Philadelphia's lineup, got it started with a walk in the fifth. He scored when Ibanez ripped a double into the right-field corner. Ibanez's hit fired up the raucous crowd, which screamed "Rauuuuuuuul!" Carlos Ruiz followed with a single to right to make it 2-0.

The Phillies got insurance runs in the sixth. Chase Utley led off with a single and stole second. Howard lined a run-scoring double to left that mixed up Carlos Gonzalez, who fell backward into the wall.

Werth followed with a drive that hit high off the left-center field wall. Werth may have had a chance for an inside-the-park homer, but he trotted slowly to first before turning it on and settling for a triple after the wind kept the ball in the park.

Joe Beimel came in to face Ibanez, who singled in another run to make it 5-0.

AP

Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Cliff Lee throws to a Colorado Rockies batter in the sixth inning of Game 1 of the National League division baseball series, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, in Philadelphia.

That was plenty of support for Lee, who made sure everyone has to wait another day to see if Brad Lidge gets the chance to be Philadelphia's closer.

Just two years ago, Lee watched from the bench as the Cleveland Indians reached the ALCS. He was left off the postseason roster after a poor season in which he was demoted to the minors and relegated to the bullpen.

But he went 22-3 last year and was shipped to Philadelphia on July 29 when the cost-cutting Indians purged their roster.

Jimenez showed off his blazing fastball early. He reached 100 mph against the second batter, Shane Victorino. The 25-year-old right-hander didn't wait long to mix speeds, either. He froze Howard with an 80 mph curve ball for a called third strike in the second. He got Utley on the exact pitch in the fourth.

The Phillies have been on cruise control for a while, waiting to start the postseason and have a chance to be the first repeat champions since the New York Yankees won three World Series in a row from 1998-2000. Though they didn't clinch their third straight NL East title until the final week, it was never in doubt. Philadelphia moved into first place for good on May 30, and had a comfortable lead the rest of the way.

Colorado rebounded from an awful start and finished a franchise-best 92-70, including 74-42 after Jim Tracy replaced Clint Hurdle as manager on May 29.

Dodgers 5, Cardinals 3

In Los Angeles, the home team beat St. Louis in an NL playoff opener full of missed chances for both teams.

The teams set a division series record by stranding a combined 30 runners. The Dodgers left 16, including 12 in scoring position.

Pitching in the playoffs for the first time in his 11-year career, Dodgers starter Randy Wolf lasted 3 2-3 innings.

Matt Kemp hit a two-run homer off Carpenter in the first inning, giving the NL West champions the lead for good.

Offense was at a premium for both teams' star sluggers. The Dodgers' Manny Ramirez went 1 for 4 with double and a walk, while Albert Pujols was 0 for 3 with two intentional walks for the Cardinals.

Game 2 is Thursday at Dodger Stadium, with Clayton Kershaw, another playoff rookie, starting for Los Angeles against 19-game winner Adam Wainwright. Only once this season when Chris Carpenter and Wainwright started back-to-back did St. Louis lose both games.

Carpenter, who was the NL's ERA leader while going 17-4 and went 2-0 against the Dodgers this season, gave up four runs in five innings.

Yankees 7, Twins 2

In New York, Derek Jeter homered as New York romped over Minnesota in the opener of their American League series.

After Jeter's third-inning homer off made it 2-2, Nick Swisher hit a go-ahead double in the fourth.

Even Alex Rodriguez broke out of his playoff rut against the tired Twins, who got into the playoffs with an epic one-game division tiebreaker against Detroit and only arrived at their New York hotel at 4 a.m.

Rodriguez had gone 0 for 29 in the postseason with runners on base dating to Game 4 of the 2004 AL championship series before an RBI single that made it 4-2 in the fifth. Rodriguez later hit an RBI single off the right-field wall in the seventh.

Yankees pitcher C.C. Sabathia, who had lost his last three playoff decisions for Cleveland and Milwaukee, allowed just one earned run in 6 2-3 innings and struck out eight.

Future NBA rivals support Rubio's choice

MADRID (AP)—The NBA's quick swing through Spain didn't yield Ricky Rubio, although it did provide plenty of anticipation for one of Europe's biggest talents.

The Spaniard's decision to play at least two more years at home despite being drafted fifth overall by the Minnesota Timberwolves in June had left many in North America puzzled.

But for some NBA players the move made sense.

"He's still so young. It's good for him to get a couple of more years playing over here and then make the transition over," Utah Jazz point guard Deron Williams said Wednesday as his team prepared for a preseason game against Real Madrid.

"I think he's a great player. He's definitely going to be a good player in our league, he has all the skills—ball handling, court vision, he knows how to lead a team. It's just a matter of maturing and becoming a better player."

When DKV Joventut failed to reach a deal with the Timberwolves, the 19-year-old Rubio was dealt to Barcelona, where he agreed to a five-year deal but with a buy-out to leave for the NBA.

Former Michigan player Louis Bullock says Toronto Raptors guard Jose Manuel Calderon is the example Rubio should follow.

"He waited, got a lot of years of Euro league under his belt and also with the national team, and when he made that jump you saw the immediate impact that he had," the Madrid guard said. "Ricky could follow in those footsteps. He definitely has the tools and the talent, but the NBA is brutal."

Rubio is a player "ahead of his time," according to Utah's Russian forward, Andrei Kirilenko, but he still needs more time if he is going to arrive in the NBA with the confidence to lead a team.

"This kind of expectations, everyone expects him to play at the highest level and to be a major star in the league," Kirilenko said. "It's hard to predict because it's such a tough league. A lot of stars come into the league and disappear and a lot of stars come into the league and shine."

Rubio is among, perhaps, Spain's best ever crop of players, which include Pau Gasol, Rudy Fernandez and Calderon. Spain is the current world and European champion and finished runner-up to the United States at last year's Beijing Olympics, when the world learned about Rubio.

"They've been one of the best countries in basketball for a while," Williams said. "We finally got back with winning the gold medal, back to the top, but they're probably our strongest competition."

Jazz forward Carlos Boozer expects great things from an opponent he knows from Beijing, but remained weary of predicting anything.

"Every player plays good before they get to the NBA, but when they get to the NBA, we'll see," Boozer said.

Hamstring could sideline Iverson up to 3 weeks

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Memphis Grizzlies guard Allen Iverson could miss three weeks after an MRI revealed a partial tear in his left hamstring.

The Grizzlies made the announcement before Wednesday night's exhibition game against the Oklahoma City Thunder. If the timetable is correct, Iverson would miss all of preseason, and his status for the season opener at home against the Detroit Pistons on Oct. 28 would be in jeopardy.

"The way I see it, I'm glad it's happening right now rather than in the season," Iverson said in a pregame press conference. "That's the only positive thing I can take out of the whole thing."

Iverson, declaring himself a quick healer, said he expects to be back in time for the opener. He was hurt during the Grizzlies' training camp in Birmingham, Ala. last week and said he was just starting to get into shape after not playing basketball for five months waiting to see where he was going to land for this season.

"My legs were starting to feel a lot better than they had the first three or four days," Iverson said. "Then, just like that, I hurt the hamstring."

Entering his 14th season, the four-time NBA scoring champ signed with the Grizzlies last month, the biggest name ever to join the franchise. Iverson said he has never dealt with hamstring problems in his career and wants to make sure he is completely healed before returning to the court.

"My whole thing is to work as hard as I can to try and get back to 100 percent," Iverson said. "I don't want to try and come back too early and have this thing lingering on throughout the whole season."

49ers agree to 6-year deal with receiver Crabtree

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—Michael Crabtree is confident he can play a big role for the San Francisco 49ers as a rookie even though he's months behind. He will get his chances in an offense that could really use him.

Crabtree signed a six-year contract early Wednesday after a drawn-out negotiation process that had some wondering whether the star wide receiver would ever show up this season.

"It's a lot of relief off my shoulders," Crabtree said when formally introduced at team headquarters.

While specific terms of the deal, which was completed around 2 a.m. Wednesday, were not disclosed, Crabtree will receive nearly $17 million in guaranteed money, according to a person familiar with the contract. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the details weren't made public.

Crabtree headed out Wednesday for his first practice as the 49ers prepare for Sunday's home game against Atlanta.

"Everybody came to a reachable agreement and it happened," Crabtree said, sporting a red No. 15 practice jersey and charcoal gray sweats. "I'm just glad I'm past that part. I'm very humble right now, man, it's a very humbling experience. Just getting a chance to sit back and better myself as a person, as a player, as a teammate. ... I feel like going through that it made me look at the world in a different way, look at my teammates a different way. Hopefully it will work out for the best."

The agreement was first reported by ESPN.com. Coach Mike Singletary called it a "fair deal for both parties involved."

The former Texas Tech star was the only draft pick who hadn't signed—and even rapper MC Hammer got involved to finally make it happen.

Crabtree could provide the game-breaking receiving threat the 49ers have been lacking, assuming he can quickly learn the offense after missing all of training camp. The 10th pick overall, he also sat out offseason minicamps and organized team activities while recovering from a foot injury, but was a regular presence at the team's training facility.

Before Wednesday, Singletary had spoken to Crabtree just once since breaking offseason workouts in June.

Crabtree and his agent, Eugene Parker, met with three top 49ers officials Tuesday to work through his contract impasse. Crabtree balked at a long-standing offer of approximately five years and $20 million, with a reported $16 million guaranteed. Instead, he sought money comparable to what higher draft picks received.

"We came out of the gate and put a solid offer on the table," 49ers general manager Scot McCloughan said, still unsure what Crabtree's side didn't like about it. "I'm curious to find out because it goes against the norm. Very seldom do you see this."

Oakland Raiders receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey, the No. 7 choice, signed a five-year contract that will guarantee him at least $23.5 million.

Jaguars top pick Eugene Monroe, taken eighth overall, signed a five-year, $25 million contract that includes $19 million guaranteed.

Crabtree shook hands throughout the locker room to greet his teammates.

"We accept Crabtree no matter what," tight end Vernon Davis said. "I think his play will speak for itself."

Singletary acknowledged last month the 49ers discussed changing their offer to Crabtree, and team president Jed York said in mid-September the team hoped for a face-to-face meeting with Crabtree. The 49ers received a call Sunday that Crabtree and Parker were en route to the area. That meeting finally happened Tuesday.

Crabtree and Parker were joined by York, vice president of football operations Paraag Marathe and McCloughan. Hammer, a friend of Parker and client Deion Sanders, also participated.

Singletary found out the deal was done when he woke up Wednesday morning.

"This is a great day for the 49ers," he said. "It showed the commitment in place in having Crabtree here. Obviously Michael missed a lot of time, a lot of valuable time, and has a lot of work to catch up."

Crabtree's contract can be voided after five years with two solid seasons. It's unclear when Crabtree will be ready after missing so much time, but San Francisco has a bye next week. It's conceivable he could make his debut in a limited role Oct. 25 at Houston.

"It's going to be a process," said Singletary, whose team leads the NFC West and at 3-1 is off to its best start since 2002. "Hopefully after the bye, Mike will be ready to go. Certainly it's going to start small, a small role here and there, figuring out ways to get him on the field."

The 49ers needed to sign Crabtree by Nov. 17 for him to remain eligible to play this season. There would have been a seven-week window before the 2010 draft to trade Crabtree if he did not sign.

In August, a report surfaced from Crabtree's cousin and adviser that Crabtree was prepared to sit out the season, re-enter the draft in 2010 and wait for a hefty paycheck. Crabtree wouldn't address that aside from saying: "I'm Michael Crabtree. Whatever I say is what I say."

Jets acquire receiver Braylon Edwards from Browns

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)—Braylon Edwards' arrival was picture-perfect for the New York Jets.

The talented but troubled wide receiver was acquired from Cleveland on Wednesday and showed up at the team's facility shortly after practice ended—just in time to try on his new green and white threads and be included in the team picture.

"It was interesting getting off a plane and rushing right to a team photo," Edwards said, smiling. "The guys in the locker room were good."

Edwards said he felt welcomed right away because he was a target of some good-natured jokes as soon as he walked into the locker room.

"A couple of guys cracked on the pants I had on," said Edwards, who already knows several of the Jets players. "I took that as a good sign."

The Jets dealt wide receiver Chansi Stuckey, linebacker Jason Trusnik and two undisclosed draft choices in return for Edwards, who has 10 receptions for 139 yards but was shut out for the first time in his career in the winless Browns' 23-20 overtime loss to Cincinnati on Sunday.

"I believe coming here to a team that's doing well with a new head coach that has them going in the right direction ... is a fresh start and a clean slate," Edwards said.

Edwards was on his way to the Browns' facility at 7:45 a.m. when he received a call from coach Eric Mangini, who told him to come to his office, where he was told of the deal.

"I hadn't any clue I was going to be traded," Edwards said.

Edwards, in his fifth season, is expected to practice Thursday and coach Rex Ryan said he will start Monday night at Miami for the Jets.

"I think he's going to fit right in with our group," Ryan said.

New York was lacking a legitimate deep threat for Mark Sanchez to throw to opposite Jerricho Cotchery, and the Jets believe Edwards will also help jumpstart the running game.

"I've had to defend against him twice a year in Baltimore, and that's not fun," Ryan said. "He is a matchup nightmare."

Roach tells Manny: Get serious now

BOXING

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines—While storm signal warnings were raised in different parts of Luzon after a super typhoon made landfall, Freddie Roach had an alert of his own for Manny Pacquiao here.

"No more fun and games," a stern-faced Roach told reporters at the end of training yesterday at the Shape Up gym.

The Filipino ring icon showed up far sharper than he did the day before for another workout that featured a snappy shot to his trainer's protected kidney.

Roach still expressed disappointment, though, at how the camp was running going into the final six weeks of preparation for the match against Miguel Cotto.

"I'm a little disappointed at the way camp has been running," said Roach, citing evening basketball games and early-morning runs with military cadets that are not part of Pacquiao's training regimen.

"Running with the cadets was good and all, but we're preparing for a fight here," said the two-time Trainer of the Year winner. "He can't play basketball, run and train at the same time."

Pacquiao faces Cotto on November 14 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, where the Filipino superstar will go after the Puerto Rican's WBO welterweight belt, in a bid to become the first boxer to win a seventh world title in as many weight classes.

Pacquiao was a whole lot snappier than he was the day before, when sparring mate Shawn Porter literally had his way with the pound-for-pound king.

"He was better than yesterday but that was with the mitts," said Roach. "The job is still to bring what he does during mitts to fight night."

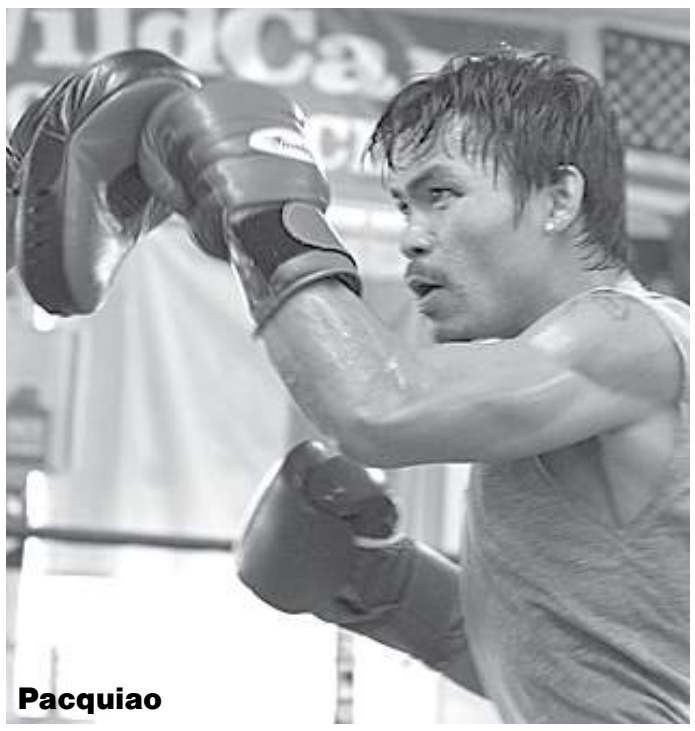
Pacquiao admitted he felt better, despite the early-morning run with cadets at the Philippine Military Academy.

"My stamina has improved and I think my preparations are getting better," said the reigning light welterweight champion after a lung-busting workout.

Pacquiao admitted he was sluggish the day before although he said: "It's better that way, there's a challenge. One thing good when I train is that I easily recover my old form."

Roach said he was prepared to start running a tighter camp, adding that he was willing to go to the extreme to make sure Pacquiao trains the way he normally does at the Wild Card gym in Hollywood: No distractions.

"He could [play basketball] on Sundays, but not on training days," Roach said. "Training for the fight is hard work and he's going to miss more days of running if he continues playing basketball. If I have to take out the rim or pop the basketballs, I'll do it."



Pacquiao

Roach, though, had little problems with Pacquiao as the two discussed and played out strategy.

Every now and then, Roach would holler words of encouragement during the 14-round mitts exercise.

"Don't try to win the exchange, don't just stay there after [a one-two combination], stay at the side, move to the side," Roach yelled every now and then. "When you throw your jab, don't stay in front of [Cotto]."

When Pacquiao got something right, Roach would say: "Very good, Manny" or "beautiful shot," particularly after a snappy hook that tagged Roach's kidney.

"He knocked the wind out of me for a while," Roach said.

Pacquiao's training will end October 24 and Roach said he hoped to bring the boxer to within "80 to 90" percent of the form he has to be in on fight night.

Yesterday's training—which started late because Team Pacquiao was huddled in a meeting earlier in the day—ended just as storm signal No. 1 was raised over this pine-dotted city.

Meanwhile, conditioning coach Alex Ariza said Pacquiao was still at 153 pounds and he hoped to have the boxer at 150 before Team Pacquiao departs to continue the second phase of their preparations at the Wild Card gym.

"I'm more worried about him going under 150 because I've been two or three pounds off with him in his last two fights," said Ariza, who wants to make sure that Pacquiao carries his strength up to the welterweight ranks, where he will face the bigger and heavier Cotto.

"We're focused on building functional muscles and make sure he doesn't go flat while bulking up," said Ariza.

Pacquiao came in at 142 for the fight against Oscar De La Hoya, which was at a catch weight of 145 lb. The Filipino weighed 138 for the Ricky Hatton bout, where he knocked the Briton in two rounds to win the light welter crown. ***(PDI)***

CWGA October tourney tomorrow

The CNMI Women's Golf Association will hold its October tournament tomorrow, Oct. 10, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

According to the club's secretary Lorraine Babauta, show time is set at 11:30pm and tee time is scheduled an hour later at 12:30pm at the west course of the Kagman golf venue.

For more information, call Noriko Togawa at 287-0027, Lou Kim at 483-5255, Terry Tudela at 483-1761, Lorraine Babauta at 287-0621, and Bennet Seman at 483-0126.

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI.

The organization intends to accomplish the following: 1. Promote civic and community interest in golf; 2. Establish and encourage competition and good sportsmanship; 3. Promote and provide social functions of the members and their families; 4. Promote youth golf activities; and 5. To do any or all things necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose and intention.

CWGA also commits its members to abide by a set of values that will further enrich a golfer's performance, attitude, and conduct-adopted form the USA Junior Golf Association.

The set of values members of CWGA are committed to faithfully are as follows: perseverance; sportsmanship; respect; honesty; judgment; responsibility; reliance; courtesy; and sincerity. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Miller returned to Saipan on Christmas Eve and brought home seven medals.

Minor owned three doubles championships, one doubles runner-up, and two singles runner-up medals from the collection to have a fruitful second stint with the touring team.

She will be on the squad for the third time, but she won't be joining Jones, as she is headed to Australia in January.

"Thea is up for a tougher tournament this time, but this is good for her, as she will be challenging stronger players from Australia and New Zealand," Race said.

Besides competing in Australia, Minor will also get a chance to watch preliminary games in the 2010 Australian Open in Melbourne.

When Minor comes back later in January, it will be Heo's turn to leave Saipan for New Zealand and compete in Junior ITF-sanctioned events.

"Ji Hoon failed to get ranking points in Fiji and Korea, so he will have another opportunity to earn points during the Pacific Oceania Team's tour in New Zealand," Race said.

"Having our three junior players compete in top-caliber tournaments in Australia and New Zealand is another big boost to our tennis program. However, we still need to get funding to help them make the trip," the CNMI coach added.

Race said ITF will shoulder the cost of accommodation and airfare of the three CNMI bets once they are already in New Zealand and Australia. Airfare from Saipan to New Zealand or Australia should be taken care off by the local federation.

The CNMI mentor said they welcome any assistance from private companies that are willing to help send the Commonwealth's athletes to New Zealand and Australia.

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In the second game, Hyatt had a breakaway in the early part of the third period to nail a 21-point win.

From a 32-25 halftime lead, big men Jorge De Guzman and Ronald Delos Reyes and guards Nate Mateo and Chris Arreza teamed up in Hyatt's 16-5 run to widen the gap to 18, 48-30, with less than five minutes left in the third period.

Ivan De Vero almost singlehandedly led MBI's comeback in the third, cutting the lead to eight, 42-50. However, Hyatt had a 12-4 windup to enter the fourth period with big advantage, 64-46.

It was cruise control for Hyatt from thereon and MBI threw the towel midway in the final canto, as it slowly went back to transition defense, allowing Hyatt players to score easy layups.

Hyatt claimed its fifth win and is the lone unbeaten squad in the 12-team field. MBI dropped to a 5-4 slate.

Mateo and De Guzman paced Hyatt with 13 markers apiece, while De Vero top-scored for MBI with 23 points.

First Game

CPA 86 – Diaz 27, Cloud 23, Apelo 22, Schuler 7, Aaron 7.

ARFF 48 – Quitugua 22, Cepeda 6, J. Reyes 5, Joab 5, Palacios 4, Irmak 2, C. Sablan 1.

Second Game

Hyatt 94 – Mateo 13, De Guzman 13, Arreza 9, Delos Reyes 7, Aquino 7, Vargas 6, Mendoza 6, Tudela 4, Hartmen 4, Libuw 4, Umali 2.

MBI 73 – De Vero 23, Demapan 12, Capalad 10, Gapor 8, Barbo 6, Trajano 6, Achas 6, Nonato 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-12, 32-25, 64-46, 94-73.

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match, the Sparks dueled the Runnin' Rebels on Sept. 22 and won, 47-27.

With the rest of his teammates struggling, Eugene Manglona carried the cudgels for the Sparks, firing nine of their 12 points in the first half. Sahj Hossain scored the Sparks' other three points.

In the second half, Manglona was silent, but Faisao saved the day for the Sparks, leading the team to a come-from-behind win.

Big man Jonathan Norita also entered the picture in the second half, tallying all his six points in that canto, while Frank Mettao and Mike Manglona contributed on offense, too.

While the Sparks started to heat up in the second half, Hi-5's offense went down, as it made only five field goals in that period with only Caro canning more than one field goal in the remaining half of the game.

Sparks 41 – Faisao 10, E. Manglona 9, Hossain 6, Norita 6, M. Manglona 4, Mettao 2, Babauta 1.

Hi-5 30 – Caro 12, Sarmiento 7, Hemlani 3, Macahito 3, Tudela 3, Manibusan 2.

Scoring by halves: 12-18, 41-30.

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when he was 4 years old. While one can understand that he would like to recapture those lost years and spend more time with his dad, that's no excuse for what happened to the Splendid Splinter's remains.

To summarize, Williams' head was hacked off and stuck in jar filled with liquid nitrogen.

According to the new book, written by a former Alcor employee, Williams' body was grossly misused and abused. Johnson alleges that the decapitation was done by unqualified and uncertified technicians.

"Frozen" is available to Saipan residents through Amazon.com. Cost is $17.13 plus shipping.

One particular chilling account alleges that his head was used for batting practice by a technician trying to knock it off a Bumble Bee tuna fish can using a monkey wrench. Also, Johnson writes that holes were drilled in the head for insertion of microphones to record the crackling of his brain while it underwent deep freezing. This all coming at a cost of $120,000 paid by the Ted Williams estate to Alcor.

Within two days of its release, there were 10 reader comments, five of them giving it the highest rating and five giving it the lowest possible score. It wouldn't surprise me that those who criticized the book are Alcor owners or employees who are defending their turf, er, freezer..

I won't read this book. Truth is, I would rather read a book about ice cubes.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

LOCAL SCORES

GOVT/BIZ CAGE STANDINGS

Hyatt	5	0
IT&E	10	1
Tinian	4	1
MBI	5	4
Docomo	4	3
CHC	3	3
PSS	5	4
BOG	4	6
DCCA	3	6
CPA	4	5
Customs	1	4
ARFF	0	10

ROTARY STANDINGS

G-Stars	4	0
Sonics	5	1
Sixers	5	1
Sparks	5	2
Runnin' Rebels	4	3
670 Rollers 2	3	2
CK Saints	3	2
Rollers 1	3	3
Ol'Aces	2	4
Hi-5	0	5
Young 670 Rollers 3	0	5
Celtics	0	5

2009 Saipan Tennis Challenge draws 67 players

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan instructor Peter Loyola is praying for good weather this weekend in time for the opening of the 2009 Saipan Tennis Challenge.

The IT&E and Tan Holdings-sponsored tournament will kick off tomorrow and will run until Monday with games to be played at the Fiesta tennis courts and at the American Memorial Park.

The three-day tournament will feature 67 players and will have competitions in seven divisions. The youth division has four categories, namely Levels, 1,2, 3, and 4, while the adults singles will hold contest in the women's 3.0/4.0, and men's 3.0 and 4.0.

Level 1, which is for beginners, has Erik, Grace, Tony, and Julie Kim, Seung Jae, Haruka Eda, Mimi Sakano, and Gio Song in its draw.

Level 2 has the most entries with 16. On the list are Clayton Izuka, Alfie and Tiffany Madlambayan, Satoshi, Jin and Peter Hui, Ja and Julian Briosos, Amy Taylor, Lucy Park, Kwang Jae, Sam Soledad, James Kim, Michael Jones, Steven Goodwin, and Amami Sakano.

Entered in Level 3 are Alex Park, Mikayla Lopez, Adele Hudkins, Joel Jang, Ji Hoon Choi, Emily Jones, Seika Eda, Sky Izuka, and Matthew Lopez.

The toughest among the four levels, Level 4, draws Carl Dela Cruz, Kennedy Izuka, Chris Park, Daniel Park, Clay McCullough-Stearns, Aaron Lee, and brothers Quintin and Colin Ramsey.

In the combined women's 3.0/4.0 singles, five players will vie for the title. They are Vickie Izuka, Akane Imaya, Sakido Eda, Jean Bracken, and Lydia Tan.

Carl Dela Cruz is one of the 67 players who will compete in the 2009 Saipan Tennis Challenge, which will kick off tomorrow.

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The men's 3.0 draw has a mixed of adult and junior players in Gary Ramsey, Hormas Dastoor, Darnel and Carl Dela Cruz, Chris and Daniel Park, Angelo Jones, Jake Lee, and McCullough-Stearns.

Junior player Rafael Jones headlines the men's 4.0 draw, which will also feature Eric Bernon, Fil Kalen, Jang Dong Ik, Jake Lee, Chuch Sayon, Tony Reyes, Richard Brostrom, Dong Espanola, and a certain Dr. Baumann.

All games will be a race-to-8 and will be played for only one set. The youth singles will have a double-elimination format, while the adults singles will be a single-elimination affair.

The Top 3 finishers in each division will be awarded with prizes at the conclusion of the tournament. Champions will receive trophies, while runners-up will be given medals.

Awards ceremony will be held on Monday at 5pm at the Fiesta Resort & Spa poolside.

PILCOWA caging meeting tonight

Representatives of teams joining the 2009 PILCOWA Basketball League are asked to attend a meeting tonight at 7pm at the pavilion across the JP Center Building in Beach Road, Garapan.

League coordinator Pando Muleta said details about the opening, ground rules, schedule, format, and entrance fee will be discussed at the meeting.

This year's PILCOWA caging will have two competitions, namely the masters and open divisions. The masters division is open for players in the 37-and-over age group.

So far, the masters caging has drawn eight teams, while the open category has attracted six squads. Muleta said they are hoping to have seven teams in the open division, but they can accommodate as much as eight squads.

The second edition of the PILCOWA caging is tentatively set to kick off on Oct. 25 at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Organizers are planning to have games every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday to give way to other leagues.

Meanwhile, coaches/team representatives are also reminded to submit a copy of their rosters a week before the league kicks off. In the masters division, teams must submit a proof of players' age eligibility.

For more information on the PILCOWA caging, contact Muleta at 285-9783. Diamond Auto Care ruled the inaugural staging of the PILCOWA caging, which saw seven teams participate.

Sonny Ranola canned a side jumper in the last four seconds of the second overtime to lift Diamond to a 101-99 win over a youthful MIGS team.

Aon Insurance, Century Insurance, C&R Distributors, Olivos, and host Pacific Trading Co. also took part in the 2008 edition of the PILCOWA caging. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Diamond Auto Care's Brendon Talania looks for a teammate to pass the ball to, as he is guarded by two Aon Insurance defenders during last year's PILCOWA caging at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Voyagers, Hustlers share 8-Ball League lead

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Jonny's IT&E Voyagers swept their Week 8 matches in the 2009 SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League to gain a share of the lead with rival Utopia NTT Docomo Hustlers in the Agingan division.

The Voyagers shut out Jonny's Home Boys this week, 7-0, to improve to a 42-14 record and tie the Hustlers for the No. 1 spot in the five-team field.

The Hustlers also won their Week 8 games, but failed to keep the solo lead as they gave up one match to D'Pirates Huwa, 6-1.

Despite the loss, D'Pirates Huwa remained in third place with its 31-25 record. Home Boys are in fourth place, holding a 25-31 mark, followed by Round Perfect Spotters, who have a 26-30 slate.

In the Obyan division, there is also two-way deadlock for the lead between USSP Watever and USSP Fotten Palau, which sport identical 28-28 slates.

USSP Fotten Palau climbed up to the top of the team standings after whipping VFW Sentinel, 6-1. USSP Watever kept the No. 1 spot despite bowing to Round Perfect Spotters in a close match, 3-4.

Wild Bill's Shark Attack posted a similar and hard-earned 4-3 triumph over D'Pirates Ballers to claim third place and keep pace with the two leaders in the Obyan division.

D' Pirates Ballers are behind by five wins against Wild Bill's Shark Attack and are in fourth place.

Staying at the bottom of the team standings in the Obyan division is the VFW Sentinel, which holds a dismal 13-43 mark.

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Round Perfect Spotters players pose for a group photo before their game against USSP Watever in the 2009 SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League last week.

Games in the Saipan Billiards Association-sanctioned tournament are played every Tuesday at the various bars and watering holes on the island.

Week 8 of the 8-ball league saw two 8-ball on break performances from John Mongami and Jojo Talibong. In the run the rack, the Hustlers' Jerry Soriano made four, while Nolan Cultura, R.J. Mascarinas, and Patrick Taitano had two apiece.

RGA qualifier this Saturday, Memorial Classic on Oct. 24

Refaluwasch Golf Association will hold its October Ace of the Month Qualifier this Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

RGA president Jordon Kosam said check in time is set at 11am with tee time scheduled an hour later at 11pm at the Talafofo golf venue.

Kosam said the club has three slots remaining for its yearly RGA Club Championship.

He also reminded RGA monthly champions who have aspirations to play in the Club Championship, that they need to have played in at least six rounds of either the club's qualifiers or monthly aces to be eligible for the year-end competition.

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Joe Saures in action during the Refaluwasch Golf Association September Ace of the Month Tournament last month at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

In related news, the 2009 RGA Memorial Classic will be held on Oct. 24 at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

The tournament will adopt a double peoria format with the champion pocketing $500. Aside from the champion winning a cash prize, the runner-up will get $400, third place $300, fourth place 200, and fifth and sixth places $100 apiece.

A $200 reward also awaits lowest gross for men and women, while other competitions such as a skills challenge (holes No. 6 and 15) and closest to the pin (holes No. 3, 8, and 12) will also be held.

Mulligans will be available at $5 a pop, with players only allowed to purchase a maximum of two. No restriction will be used from tee to green.

Donation for the tournament is $80 and its proceeds will be donated to Tanapag Elementary School. Check-in time for the RGA Memorial Classic is set at 6am with tee off scheduled an hour and 30 minutes later at 7:30am.

For more information on this Saturday's October qualifier and this month's RGA Memorial Classic, contact Kosam at 483-4506, Tony Rogolofoi at 288-3515, or Jess Wabol at 288-1129. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Lee tosses 6-hitter as Phillies top Rockies

Cliff Lee pitched like an ace instead of a postseason rookie. Lee dominated the Colorado Rockies, tossing a six-hitter, and the Philadelphia Phillies began their World Series title defense with a 5-1 victory in their playoff opener Wednesday. **36**

3 CNMI netters off to Australia, NZ

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Junior netters Rafael Jones, Thea Minor, and Ji Hoon Heo are headed for off-island tournaments in New Zealand and Australia.

CNMI coach Jeff Race, in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, confirmed that the three Commonwealth bets were invited anew to be part of the Pacific Oceania-ITF Touring Team in December and early next year.

Race said Jones will be joining the Pacific Oceania-ITF Team that will compete in tournaments in New Zealand in December.

It will be the second time that Jones was invited to play in New Zealand, as he, Christian Miller, and Minor were also on the touring team last year. Last year, the trio and other selected players from Pacific Oceania made stops in Waikato, Poverty Bay, and Auckland.

Jones is expected to compete in the same tournament and improve his performance.

"This is the best time for Rafael to improve his skills, as he had already experienced what was it like to play against New Zealand and Australian players last year. I am sure, we will see a much improved and stronger Rafael when he gets back from New Zealand.

The tournaments in New Zealand usually start in the second week of December and end a few days before Christmas.

Last year, Jones, Minor, and

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Minor

Jones

Heo

CPA-Accounting, Hyatt on a roll

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Hyatt Regency Saipan and CPA-Accounting extended their winning streak in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League after routing separate foes on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CPA-Accounting played in the first game and clobbered Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters, 86-48, while Hyatt whipped Micronesian Brokers, Inc. in the second match, 94-73.

The victory was CPA-Accounting's fourth in a row, while the loss was the Firedawgs' 10th in as many games.

The trio of Ed Diaz, Jeff Cloud, and Leo Apelo made life easy for CPA-Accounting as they scored 20-plus points each. Diaz led all scorers with 27 points, while Cloud and Apelo chipped in 23 and 22 markers, respectively.

A 24-7 start was all CPA needed to dictate the tempo of the game. Diaz, Cloud, and Apelo had six makers apiece in that strong start.

ARFF never recovered from thereon, as it had only Jeff Quitugua working wonders for the team. Quitugua was the lone ARFF player to score in double figures, nailing 22 markers. The Firedawgs' second leading scorer, Luis Cepeda, had only six points.

CPA-Accounting' deadly trio continued to pile up points in the second quarter and the team more than doubled ARFF's output by halftime, 50-17.

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Hyatt's Jorge De Guzman bumps into MBI's Art Trajano during their game in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Faisao lifts Sparks over Hi-5

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Kagman Sparks recovered from a slow start en route to a 41-30 win over Hi-5 in the 2009 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Still showing some rust after not playing last week, the Sparks needed a lift from Ichitaro Faisao in the second half to thwart Hi-5. Faisao drilled all his 10 points in the last 20 minutes of the game to give the Sparks their fourth win after six matches.

Hi-5 looked good in the first half, leading by six, 18-12, but fell short of gaining its first win in five games after failing to neutralize Faisao in the second half.

Six points from Ezra Caro, two baskets from Ro Sarmiento and a three-point play from Jimmy Tudela allowed Hi-5 to stun the much favored Sparks in the first half.

The Sparks were sluggish in the first half after missing last week's action when their game against the Chalan Kanoa Saints was cancelled due to Typhoon Melor. Prior to Wednesday's

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Mike Manglona, seen here going for a layup against a Celtics defender, plays for Kagman Sparks, who pulled off a 41-30 win over Hi-5 in the Rotary caging on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Frozen mess

OFF THE BENCH

By BOB COLDEEN
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From time to time I like to recommend some sports movie or book. Today I offer the opposite. A new book came out this week that raises the hair on my back. I don't even have to read it to know that it is hideous, disgusting, gross, sick, appalling, and offensive to everything that I hold dear.

A new book was published this week, "Frozen: My Journey into the World of Cryonics, Deception and Death" by Larry Johnson and Scott Baldyga. Cry me a river.

For those of you who don't know what cryonics is, good for you.

Cryonics is the deep-freezing of human bodies at death for preservation and possible revival in the future. Hopefully, not in our lifetime.

In 2002 John Henry Williams successfully battled family members in arranging to have his father frozen at the Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Arizona. Two years after that John Henry died from leukemia at the age of 35. He too was sent to Alcor but without the fuss and outrage generated by the disposal of his more famous dad, Ted Williams, arguably baseball's greatest hitter of all time.

According to the son, he had discussed this frozen fate with his father who approved. However, his sister insisted that her father wanted to be cremated but a court fight ended with the son prevailing.

It has been seven years since these freezer shenanigans first came to public light and I had forgotten all about it until this week when this new book came out.

John Henry didn't grow up with his father. His parents divorced

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